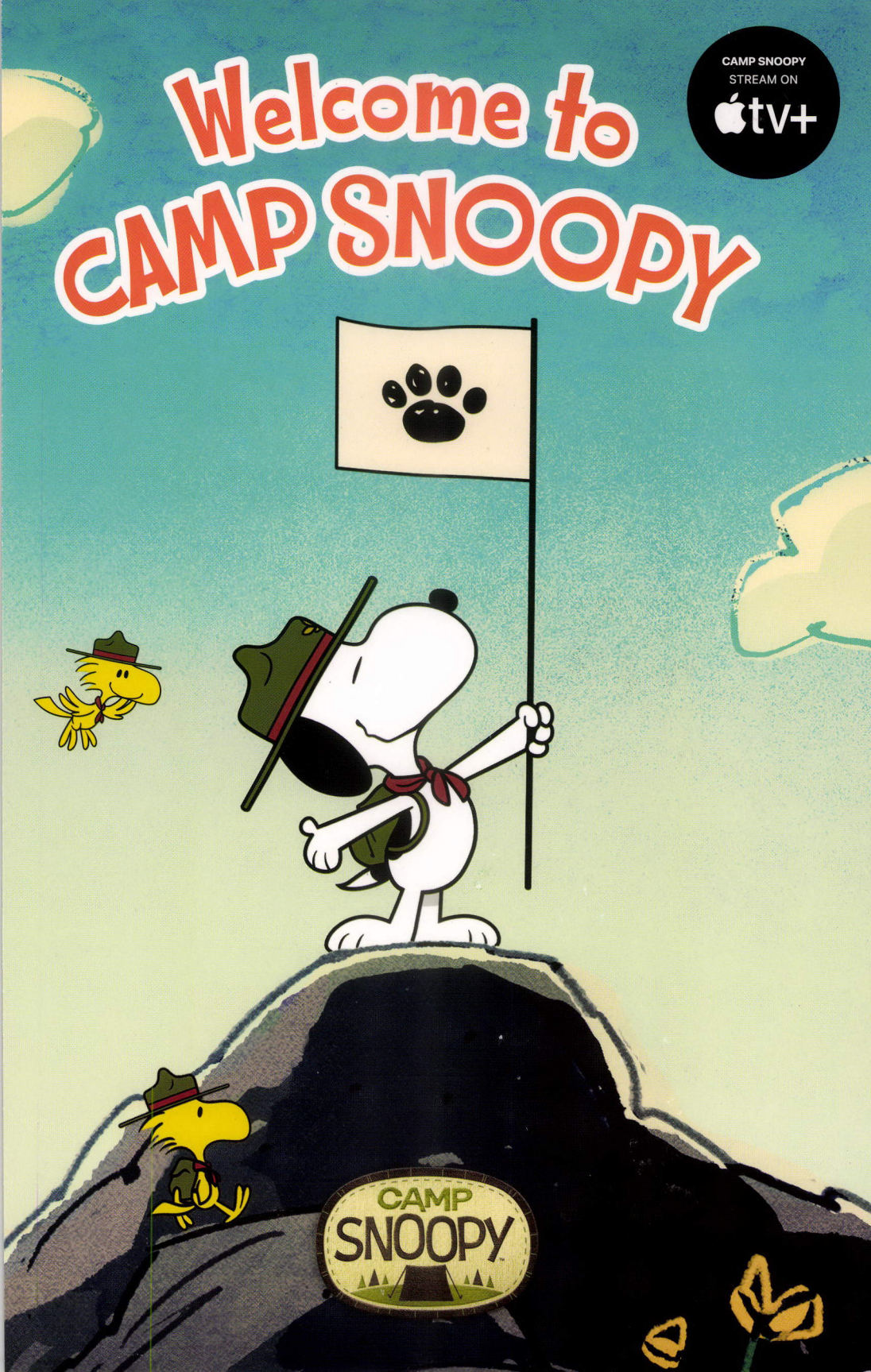
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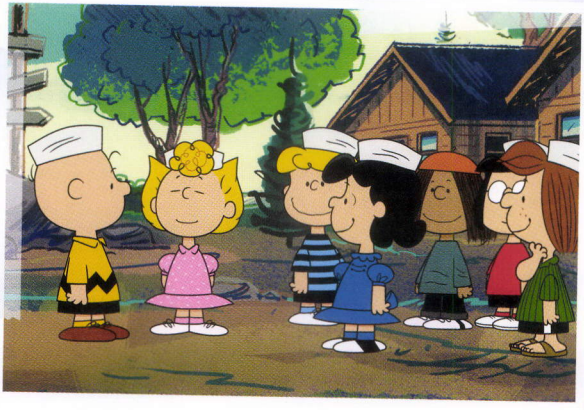
Welcome to Camp Snoopy

Summer camp is, quite frankly, the best. It is filled with experiences you'll never forget. From sleeping under the stars to telling stories around the campfire, campers make memories that last a lifetime. Charlie Brown and his pals go to camp every summer. Come along with them and go on their adventures in this book!

Reading these pages will get you excited about going to camp. You'll learn how to prepare and what to expect when you get there. Even if you've been to summer camp before, you've never been with friends like these.



LET'S GO, CAMPERS!

Summer camp is so much fun, even Charlie Brown's dog, Snoopy, is coming along this year.

Snoopy and his friends are proud members of the Beagle Scouts. We'll follow them as they earn their Beagle Scout badges. When a Scout earns a badge and sews it proudly to their sash, it shows the world they've learned a new skill. Scouts earn badges for all sorts of things, from tying knots to gardening and everything in between.

The official name of the summer camp Charlie Brown and the Peanuts gang attend is Spring Lake, but since it's attended by everyone's favorite beagle, the campers affectionately refer to it by another name.

THIS IS . . .
CAMP SNOOPY!

Chapter 1: Preparing for Camp

Attending summer camp is a wonderful opportunity and a big responsibility. You'll learn how to take care of yourself, your friends, and the environment. And if all goes according to plan, you'll eat a lot of s'mores.

The best way to make sure you're prepared for the adventure is to pack a proper bag.

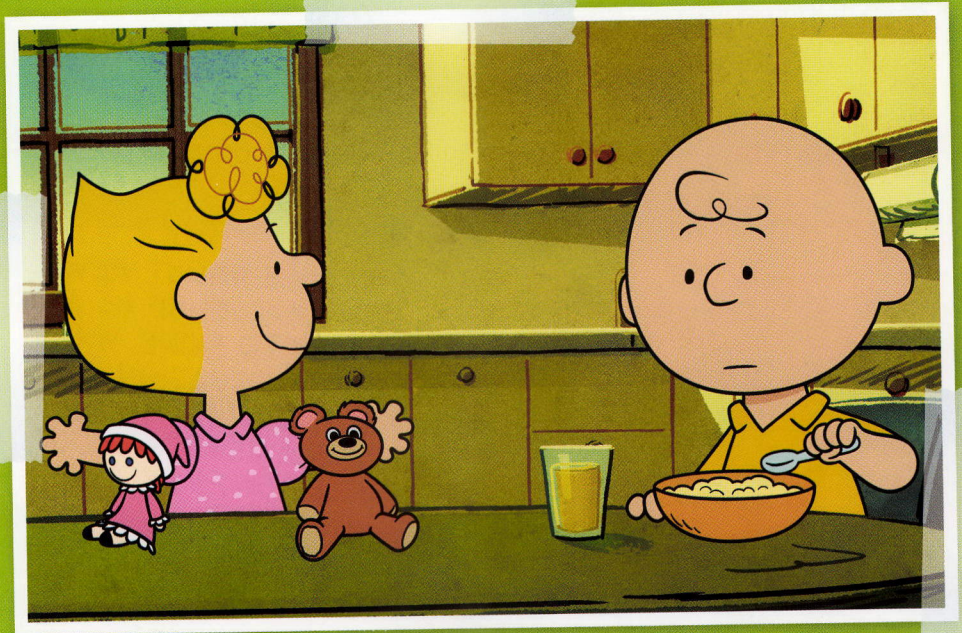
At his first year at camp, Charlie Brown learned the best way to pack is to separate the things you *need* to bring, from the things you *want* to bring. For example, you *need* to bring extra clothes and a toothbrush. You may *want* to bring your rock collection, but do you need it? Probably not. There are plenty of rocks in the woods! It's best to leave things like that at home.

This is Sally's first year heading to camp. As her big brother, Charlie Brown, knows, it's his responsibility to help her with packing. Sally wants to pack all the comforts of home—including the TV and refrigerator!

Charlie Brown convinces her that just the basic comforts are best. That's generally necessities like clothes and toiletries and a few small personal items.

He explains that their friend Linus brings his blue blanket as his personal item. And Schroeder is always sure to pack his piano. Lucy can't fit her psychiatry booth in her backpack, but she remembers to bring a football so that she can pull it away from Charlie Brown whenever he tries to kick it. . . . All things the kids need.

Sally decides to bring her two favorite toys, her doll and Mr. Bear. Though she's still disappointed she can't bring the TV.



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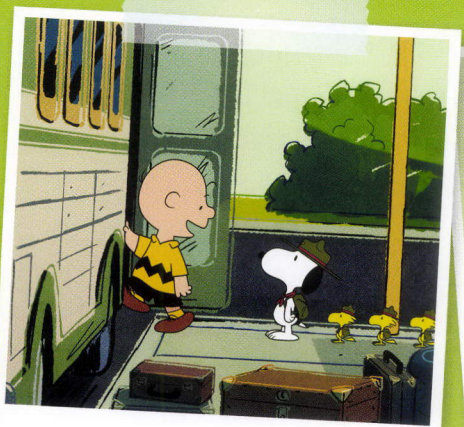


Soon Charlie Brown and Sally are perfectly packed and ready, but they're in for a surprise. Snoopy is coming too!

Snoopy and his Beagle Scout troop have work to do. They've been informed that if they want to remain part of the official Beagle Scouts organization, they've got to earn more Beagle Scout badges! Scouts are expected to earn at least a few badges a year. This year, their total is

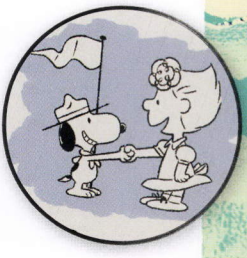
. . . ZERO.

Though the task seems overwhelming, Snoopy finds encouragement in his *Beagle Scout Handbook*.

A TRUE BEAGLE SCOUT VIEWS EACH NEW CHALLENGE AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHINE. WHEN FACED WITH A SITUATION THAT SEEMS TOO GREAT TO BE OVERCOME, A BEAGLE SCOUT NEVER GIVES UP.

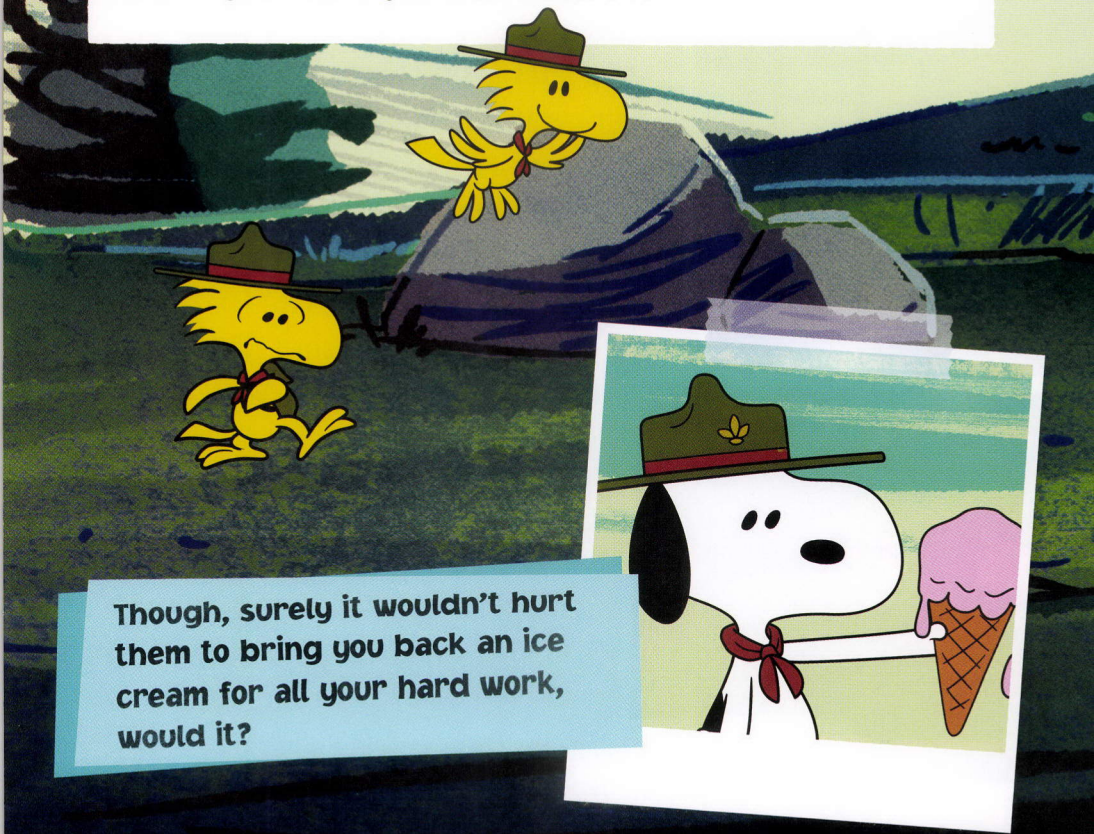
The words are inspiring, and seeing as how the Beagle Scouts had no plans anyway, it's off to Spring Lake!

A Beagle Scout Is Trustworthy



You cannot be a Beagle Scout without being trustworthy. It's your duty to always speak the truth. Others must be able to rely on you no matter what.

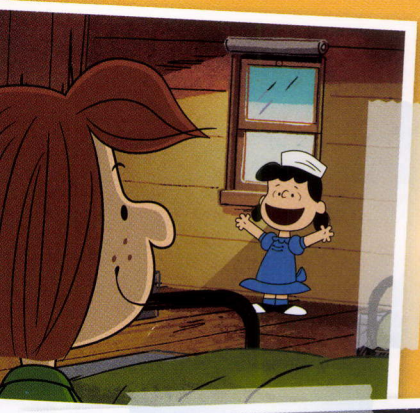
For example, if someone asks you to hold their ice-cream cone on a hot summer day, you must not eat it! No matter how delicious it looks. It's your responsibility to keep that ice-cream cone safe from onlookers, ne'er-do-wells, hungry crows, and even the sun itself! And no matter how big or small the favor, you should expect nothing in return other than a hearty "thank you" for a job well done. . . .



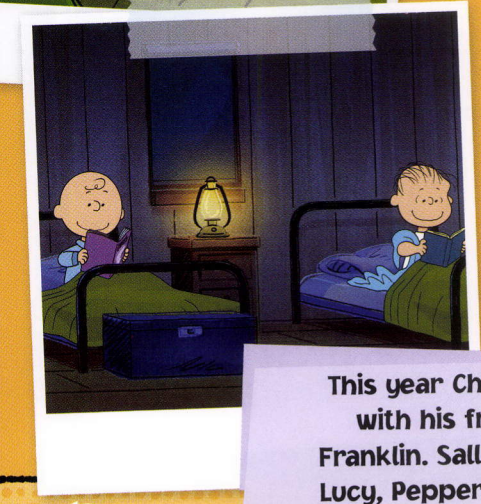
Though, surely it wouldn't hurt them to bring you back an ice cream for all your hard work, would it?

Chapter 2: Arriving at Camp

Arriving at summer camp is exciting. And not just because you're finally getting off the bus. It's exciting because once you arrive you'll be assigned a cabin. That's where you'll sleep and share fun stories with your bunkmates. (Like how when you were at camp last year, your little sister moved all her things into your room because she was hoping you weren't coming back.)



All the girls, except Sally, have been to camp before. Sally will learn a lot from them. And one of the first things she'll learn is that the sooner the campers drop off their bags in the cabin and pick out their bunk, the sooner they can start the fun activities!



This year Charlie Brown is sharing a cabin with his friends Linus, Schroeder, and Franklin. Sally is in a cabin with her friends Lucy, Peppermint Patty, Marcie, and Frieda.

Snoopy and the Beagle Scouts have arrived at camp too. Since they're not "officially attending" Spring Lake, however, they don't have cabins. They'll pitch their tents outside.

Be aware, though, this doesn't mean "pitching" as you would throw a baseball, but "pitching" as in setting up your tent. A lesson that Beagle Scouts Conrad and Bill have had to learn three times so far.

The Beagle Scouts enjoy camping out. And luckily Woodstock remembered the extension cord, so they'll still be able to plug in their stereo and popcorn maker.

They make camp near a slow, rolling river. The serene setting reinforces Snoopy's love of the great outdoors and gives him an idea. What better place could there be to work on earning their first Beagle Scout badge?!

Earning a Fishing Badge

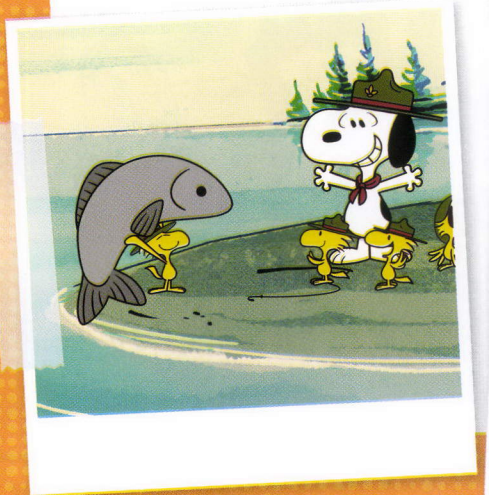
There are few activities as closely associated with scouting as fishing. And it requires much more than a trip to the grocery store for frozen fish sticks—though fish sticks are tasty. It takes knowledge, skill, and above all, determination.

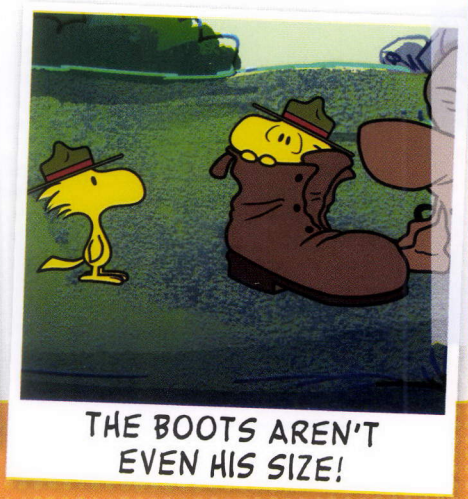
Achieving a Fishing Badge is an important part of a Scout's journey.

Once their camp is set up, Snoopy leads the troop to the river with their fishing poles and bait. Woodstock prefers not to use worms as bait because he thinks worms are cute. They decide to use cheese instead. (Woodstock also finds certain types of cheese cute, but he can't resist eating it.)

Once their poles are baited, Snoopy teaches the Scouts how to cast a line into the water. After accidentally tossing their poles into the water a few times, the Scouts gradually get the hang of fishing.

Eventually, every Scout has caught and released a fish. Every Scout except Woodstock. All he's caught is a pair of old boots.

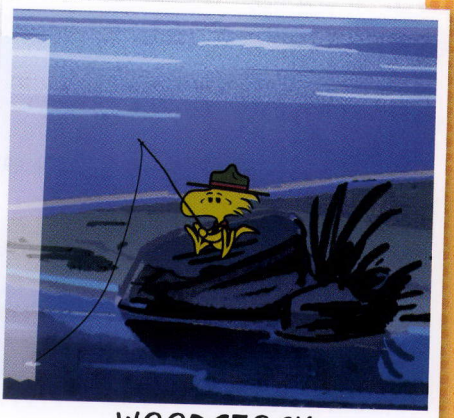




Woodstock knows determination is key. He keeps his line in the water well after all the other Scouts have eaten their dinner, brushed their beaks, and gone to bed.

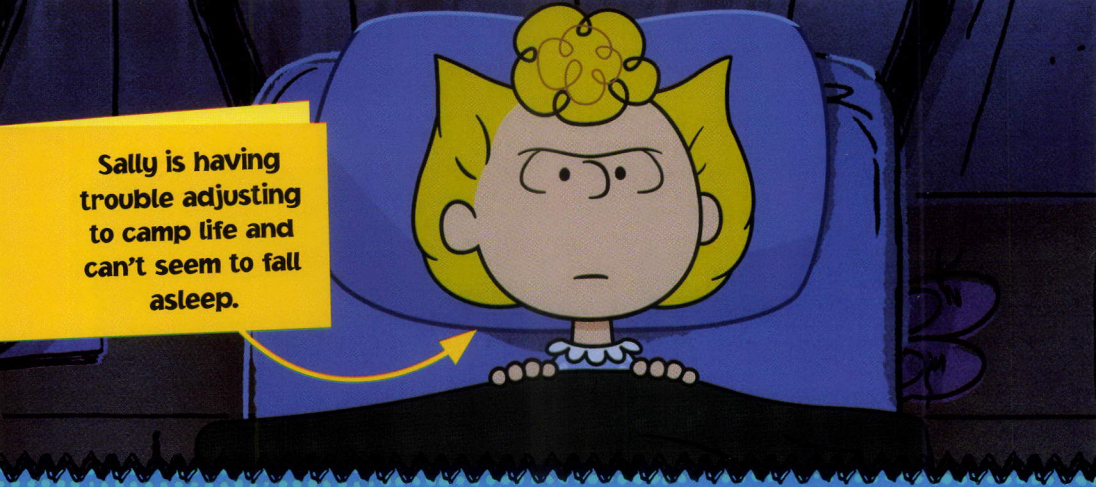
The next morning the Scouts must move on to another task, even though Woodstock never caught his fish. But Snoopy is proud of his Scouts and gives them all their Fishing Merit Badges.

And after missing both dinner and breakfast, Woodstock probably needs some fish sticks, too.



WOODSTOCK DOESN'T GIVE UP!

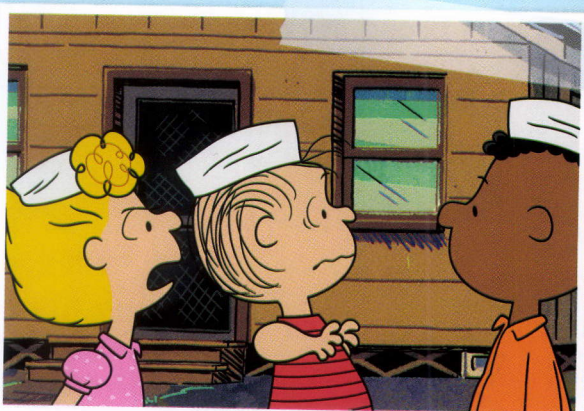
The Scouts proved they knew how to fish, and Woodstock showed real determination and heart. Two things a true Beagle Scout needs.



Chapter 3: Dealing with Homesickness

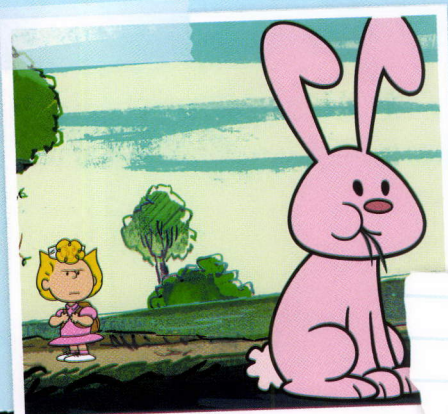
Camp is so much fun, but there will be times you'll miss being at home. After all, that's where the classic expression "Home is where your stuff is" comes from.

After a few days at camp, Sally begins to feel a little homesick, but she won't admit it. She's mad at her bed. And angry at the grass and trees. And she certainly can't stand the lake! It's a textbook case of homesickness.



SALLY'S FRIENDS KNOW SHE'S STRUGGLING.

Sally's friends have tried to help her through it, but she's denying she needs any help. Not even seeing a cute bunny cheers her up.

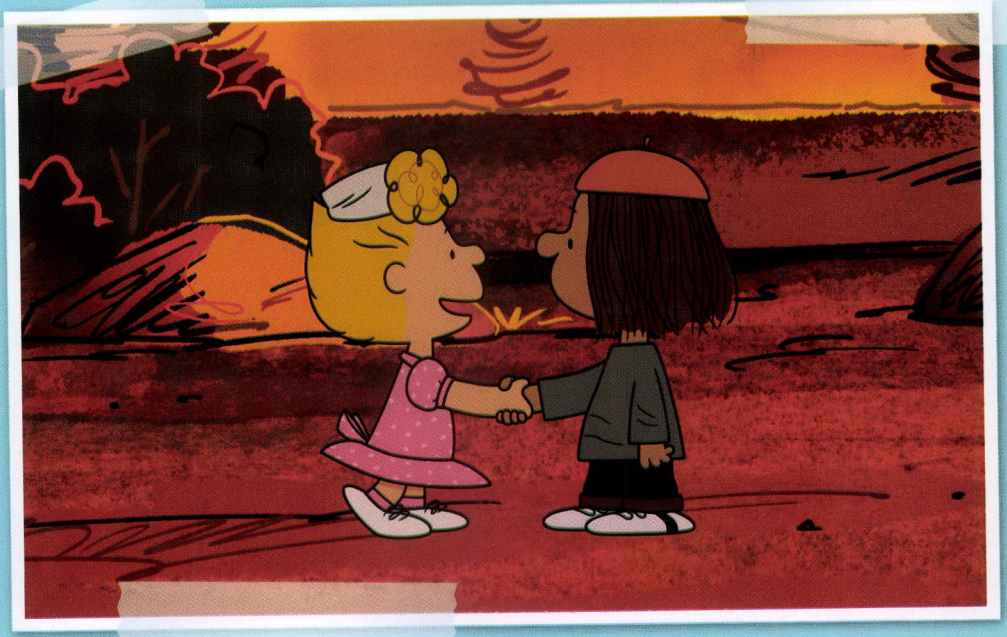


It's a scientific fact that if watching an adorable bunny hop through a meadow makes you angry, you need help dealing with something.

Luckily there are a couple ways to combat homesickness, but you've really got to commit yourself to trying them.

Remember to stay busy. It's not as easy to miss what's on TV if you're playing on a tire swing. And try to make new friends. Chances are, you'll meet someone who's feeling a little homesick too.

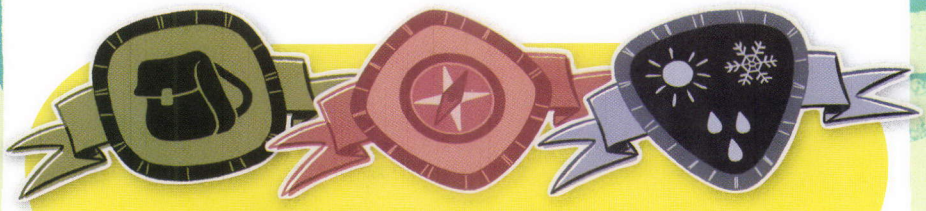
That's just what Sally does. While sighing at the lake, wishing she was home moving her things into Charlie Brown's room while he is away, she meets someone. A new friend named Naomi. They both admit they've been feeling a little down and realize it's better to be blue together.



SOMETIMES THE BEST FRIENDSHIPS ARE FORMED IN THE MOST SURPRISING OF PLACES WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT.

Can You Be a Beagle Scout? Packing a Lunch

There's no way around it, if you're a Beagle Scout, you will need to pack a lunch in preparation for a hike. A great hike is something you never want to miss out on.



Being in the great outdoors and breathing the fresh air is a magical thing.

The most important part of any hike is to go with a trusted adult and listen to the instructions of your Scout leader or camp counselor and to make sure someone who isn't on the hike knows where you and your group are going. But there are some things you'll want to bring on any hike, no matter how long or short.

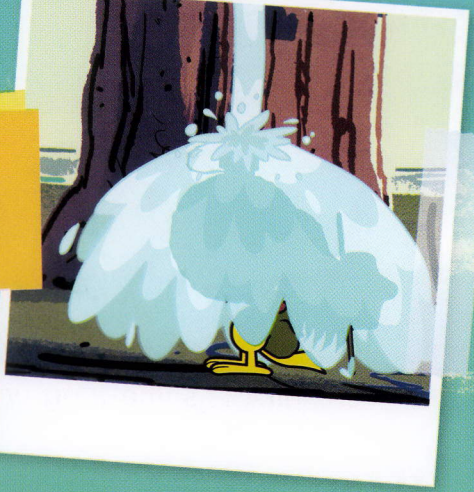
Make sure you're wearing the right kind of clothes for the hike. And pack extra if you can. (Remember a warm shirt in case night falls.)

Make sure your shoes are comfy, and bring a map, binoculars, and a first aid kit.

Make sure to fill a canteen or water bottle before you leave.

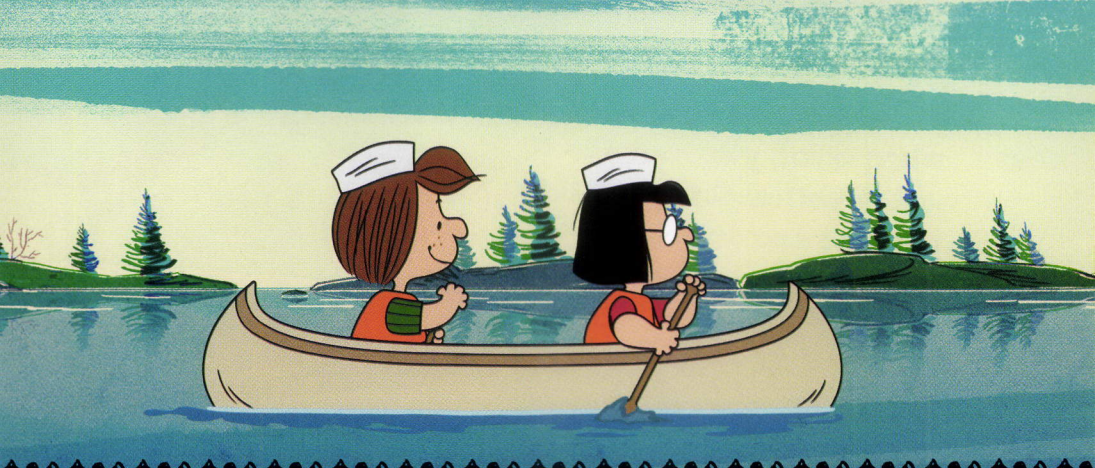
In addition to water, you need to bring a healthy snack to give you the energy to keep hiking. Consider bringing along some fruit or nuts. You might even get together with your troop and make sandwiches.

When filling your canteen or water bottle, don't forget to take the cap off, like Olivier did here.



Try forming a sandwich line with one Scout setting out the bread, another adding the fixings, another adding the lunch meat or cheese.

Just be sure that the final Scout in the line knows it's their job to *pack* the finished sandwich, not to *eat* the finished sandwich . . . which is also something Olivier did. If that should happen, though, just do what Snoopy and the Beagle Scouts did . . .



Chapter 4: Camp Activities, Old and New

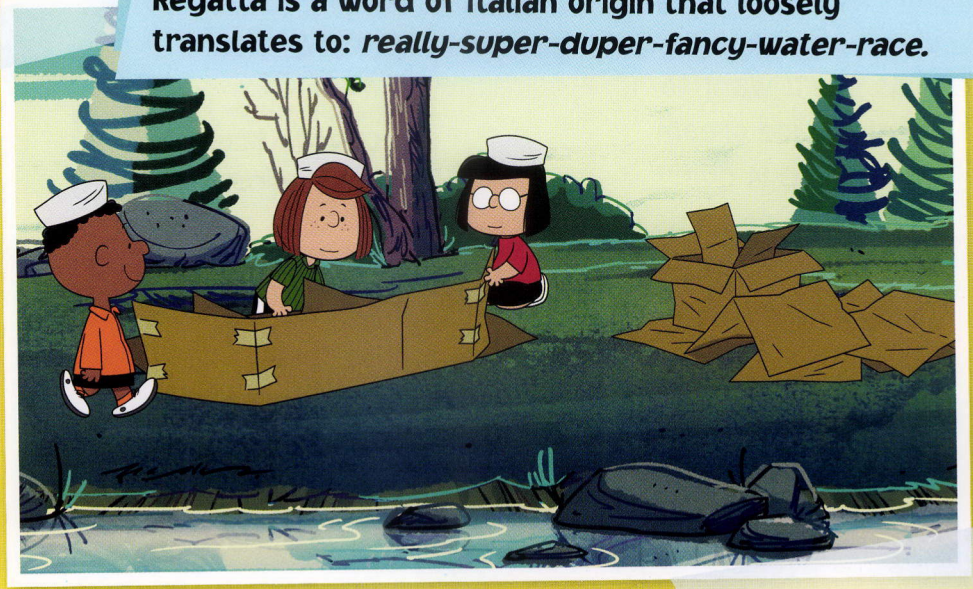
We've touched on some of the traditional activities you might enjoy outdoors at camp. Some books just write them out in a convenient list . . . like this one:

- Fishing
- Canoeing
- Swimming
- Capture the Flag
- Cards
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Scavenger Hunt
- Tug-of-War
- Field Hockey
- Ring Toss
- Swatting at Mosquitoes

All these games and activities are fun. They're even more fun when you play them with your friends at camp.

Kids at Camp Snoopy enjoy these classic activities and more. One less traditional event is the Cardboard Boat Regatta. Most folks know what cardboard and boats are. But the term regatta could be new to some.

Regatta is a word of Italian origin that loosely translates to: *really-super-duper-fancy-water-race.*



How can you have a fancy race when your boat is made of cardboard? You can't. That's what makes it fun. In this regatta, kids make the best boat they can out of cardboard and tape, place it in the water, and see how far across the lake it gets before it sinks. It's silly fun, and it's much cheaper than sinking actual yachts.

Charlie Brown is more excited than ever about the regatta because he's learned the Little Red-Haired Girl is attending another summer camp across the lake from Camp Snoopy!

Charlie Brown has had a crush on the Little Red-Haired Girl for years. He wants to invite her to watch the regatta and hopefully impress her with his cardboard boating skills. Maybe if he wins she'll want to meet for ice cream once camp is over!

Charlie Brown's mind is racing.

Franklin reminds Charlie Brown that kids can't leave the camp, so he won't be able to invite her. Franklin also reminds Charlie Brown that he's not really known for winning things.

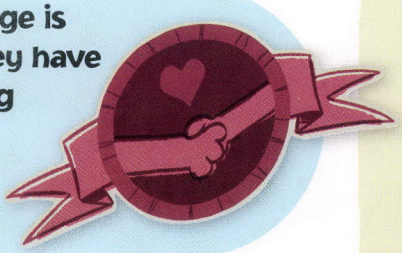
Well, he's not known for giving up, either. Charlie Brown has a plan. The plan doesn't go exactly the way he hopes. But it does make for a fun story about how Snoopy and the troop earned another very important merit badge.

BEAGLE SCOUTS TO THE RESCUE!

Earning a Helping Paw Badge

Part of being a good Beagle Scout, and a good person or animal in general, is to always offer a helping paw. Or a helping hand.

The Helping Paw Merit Badge is distributed to a Scout when they have gone above and beyond in helping someone accomplish something that they could not have accomplished on their own.



The Beagle Scouts earn their Helping Paw Badge by helping Charlie Brown deliver an important message.

On the day of the Cardboard Boat Regatta, Charlie Brown knows he can't deliver a letter to the Little Red-Haired girl, but he knows he *has* to! That's where Snoopy and the Scouts come in. Charlie Brown asks for their help.

Can they deliver a letter for him? Charlie Brown tells the Beagle Scouts that their help means the world. He also offers them a dozen doughnuts. That seals the deal! Not only are they helping a friend, but also they get dessert when the job is done.

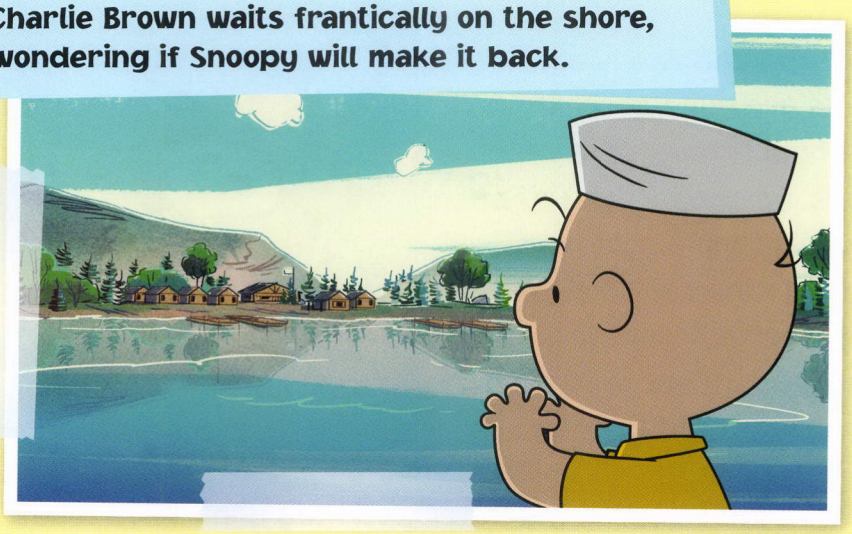
Snoopy grabs the letter from Charlie Brown, and he and the others march proudly into the woods, headed for the other side of the lake.

Snoopy and the Beagle Scouts are quite good at marching through the woods. So good, in fact, that they march in a complete circle around the lake! When they emerge from the woods they see . . . Charlie Brown! They hiked right past the Little Red-Haired Girl's camp. Snoopy didn't deliver the letter and they don't have time to hike all the way back before the regatta starts!

Not wanting to let his friend down, and really craving those doughnuts, Snoopy does the only thing he can do. He nabs Charlie Brown's cardboard boat and starts rowing it across the lake to get to the Little Red-Haired Girl's camp. The other Scouts follow him, flying behind the cardboard craft.

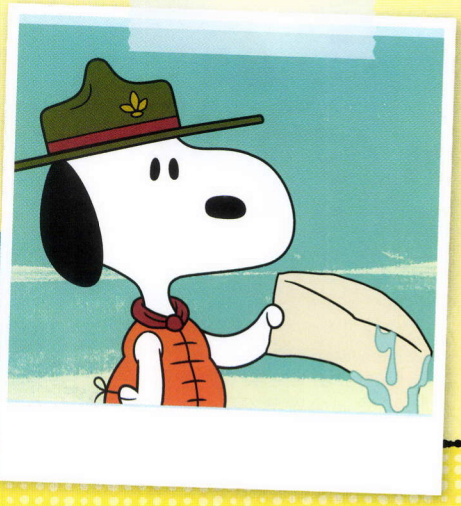
FRANKLIN ASSURES CHARLIE BROWN THAT AT LEAST NOW HE CAN SEE IF HIS BOAT WILL FLOAT WITHOUT GETTING WET HIMSELF.

Charlie Brown waits frantically on the shore, wondering if Snoopy will make it back.



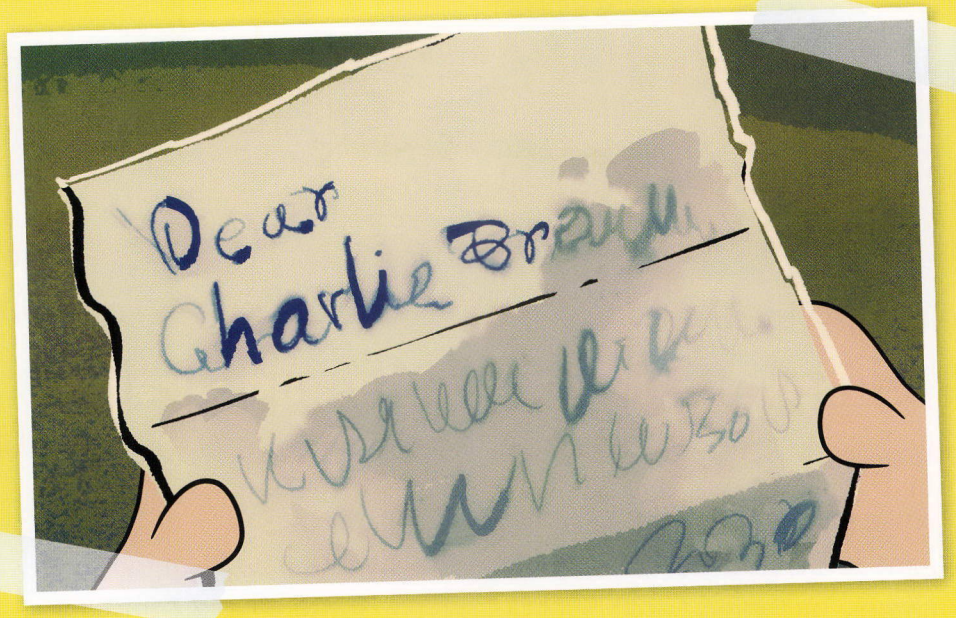
He also wonders what happened to his boat. Finally Snoopy appears on the horizon at the other side of the lake. The birds are trying to hold him up as only a tiny portion of the boat remains. Snoopy falls into the water as the last part of the cardboard boat disintegrates.

Charlie Brown gasps! The birds tug Snoopy back up and pull him with all the gusto they can gather. At last they reach the shore. Snoopy and the Scouts collapse from exhaustion—but not before handing Charlie Brown a letter!



Snoopy feels guilty when he realizes that the letter is too wet to read. But Charlie Brown is over the moon.

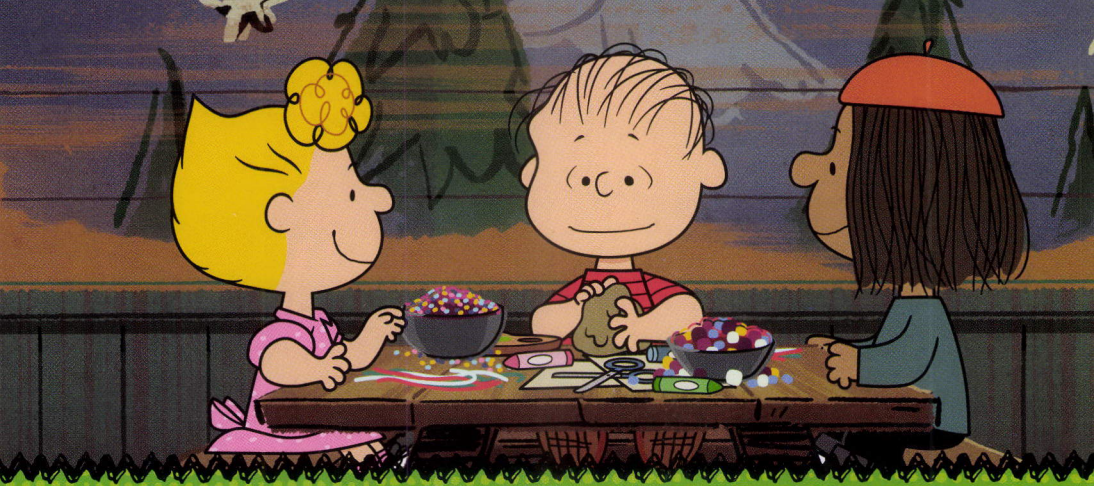
It's a response from the Little Red-Haired Girl!



The only part of the letter Charlie Brown can still read is "DEAR CHARLIE BR . . ." That's it . . . *But* that means at least the Little Red-Haired Girl knows part of his name. And that's better than winning an old regatta anyway.

Charlie Brown hugs Snoopy and cheers with delight. "She knows part of my name!" He keeps on cheering that sentence as he dances down the bank of the lake.

Franklin lets the Scouts know they did a great job, and the exhausted troop rests on the bank, feeling really good about helping a friend and truly earning those Helping Paw Badges . . . and also wondering if they'll ever be seeing those doughnuts.



Chapter 5: Camp Arts and Crafts

While being out in the great outdoors is, well, great . . . there's a lot to be said for activities you can do indoors, too. Many camps, including Camp Snoopy, have a stage where campers can sing songs, play instruments, or even put on a play.

"To eat s'mores . . . or NOT to eat s'mores. That is the question . . ."

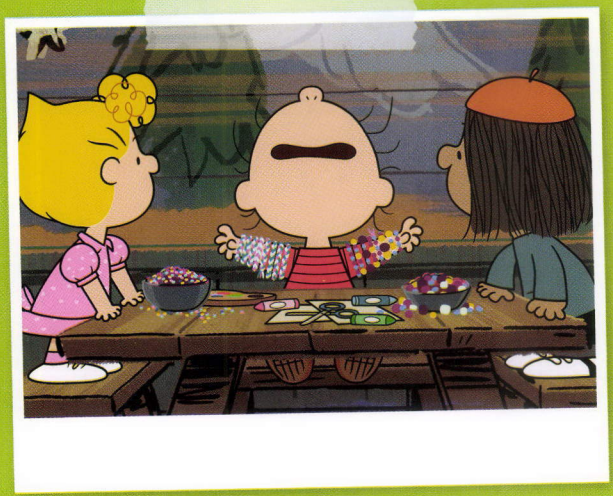
Plus, summer camps are famous for their arts and crafts. Kids can learn how to weave baskets, paint with watercolors, create pencil holders or mugs, or even make wallets out of duct tape!

There are limitless options to the fun arts and crafts you can make. Sally and her new friend, Naomi, are making friendship bracelets.

WHAT BETTER WAY TO COMMEMORATE A NEW FRIENDSHIP THAN BY EXCHANGING COLORFUL BEADS ON A STRING?

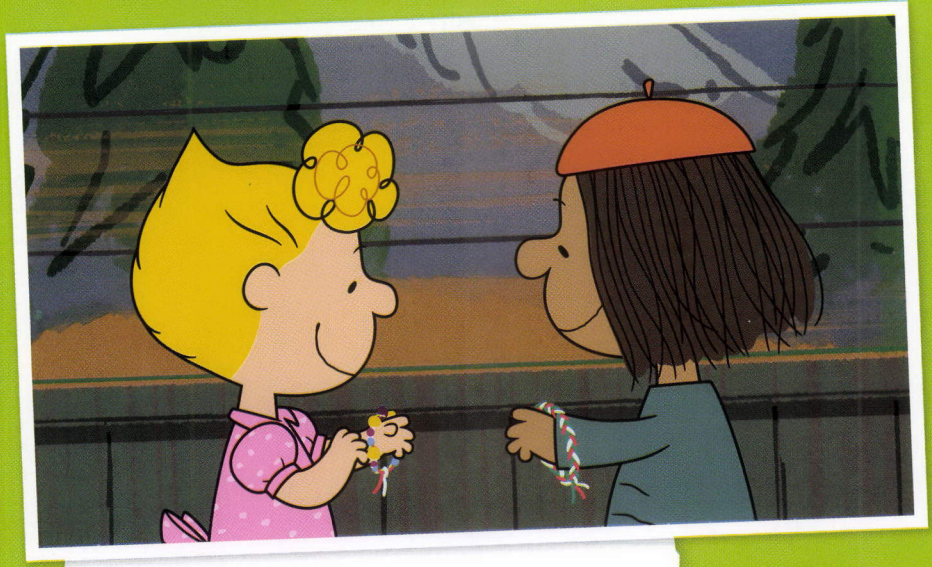
One thing to keep in mind when someone is being considerate enough to make you a gift: don't start immediately criticizing their artistic vision.

Sally, you see, casually mentions that the bracelet Naomi is making for her has a little too many beads. Hearing this, Naomi comments on how the bracelet Sally's making has far too much glitter on it for her liking. The comments and criticizing continue until both of their feelings get hurt. Soon they stop speaking entirely.



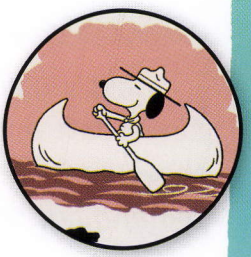
Luckily Linus sees what's happening and gently reminds Naomi and Sally that they're missing the point of friendship bracelets. It's not how they look. It's what they represent: Friendship!

Sally understands what her Sweet Babboo is saying. (He's *not* her Sweet Babboo, he would also say.) She decides that maybe the bracelet Naomi made has just the right amount of beads after all. And Naomi realizes she's actually delighted by all the glitter on her bracelet.



MAKING AND KEEPING FRIENDS IS SOME OF THE BEST STUFF IN LIFE, AND IT'S NEVER WORTH LETTING A SMALL DIFFERENCE IN OPINION KEEP YOU FROM SPENDING TIME WITH PEOPLE YOU CARE ABOUT. NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY LIKE GLITTER.

A Beagle Scout Is Calm



Part of being a Beagle Scout is keeping a level head in sticky situations. You never know when you might find yourself lost without a compass or running low on marshmallows. A Beagle Scout must always remain calm.

One day at camp Snoopy and the Beagle Scouts find themselves in a bit of a pickle. They are out on the lake in an inflatable raft, enjoying a leisurely float, when all of a sudden, the raft springs a leak!

They are taking on water and starting to sink. But fear not, Snoopy is a well-trained Beagle Scout. Thinking quickly, Snoopy calmly searches through his pack and finds just what they need to alleviate the situation:

Snoopy quickly shoves the banana into the small hole in the raft and just like that, the leak stops . . . for about three seconds. The pressure from the water shoots the banana *out* of its peel and *into* the air! The boat starts taking on water again.

Thinking on his paws and still keeping calm, Snoopy plugs the leak with his finger . . . and it works. But another leak spouts up not far from it. Not to worry, Snoopy plugs this one with his other finger!

Problem solved! Until another leak sprouts up. . . . I think we all know where this is going. In no time the raft is full of holes.

So, calmly, and with a stoic resolve, the Scouts do what they have to do: they call for help.

Lucky for them that's pretty simple. They're only floating in about eight inches of water. Right by the shore. And Charlie Brown is right there watching, ready to help if they need it, and mostly just rolling his eyes.

It turns out that one of the big keys to making sure you stay calm in sticky situations is to try to make sure you have friends close by so you don't find yourself in sticky situations in the first place.

Can You Be a Beagle Scout?
Early Riser

One of the benefits to being a Beagle Scout is you're outdoors a lot of the time.

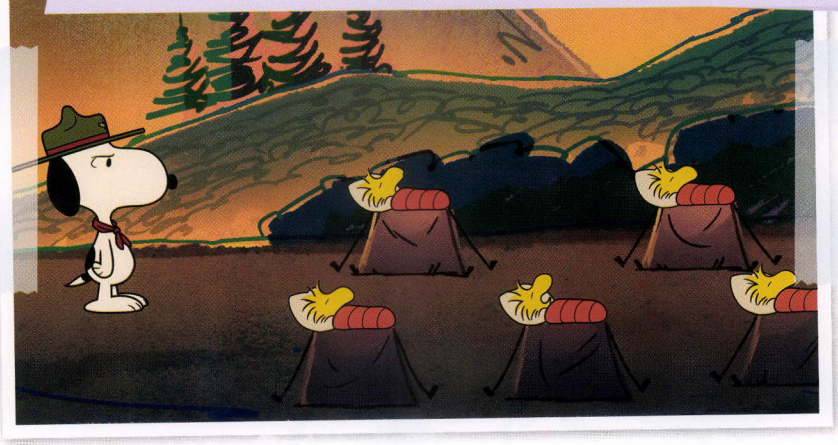
And one of the best things to do outdoors is watch the sunrise.

Seeing a sunrise is truly an amazing experience. It's almost as if the Earth itself is slowly waking up. To experience this life-affirming event, you've got to get up very early!

Snoopy is determined to get his Scout troop up in time to see the sunrise this morning. He knows they'll love it. After that they can have a nice breakfast. A pretty great way to start the day.

Snoopy himself wakes up early, yawns, and smiles. He's excited.

He walks over to the birds, sleeping on top of their tents, and tries to wake them up.



He nudges them gently. Then clears his throat and . . . nothing happens.

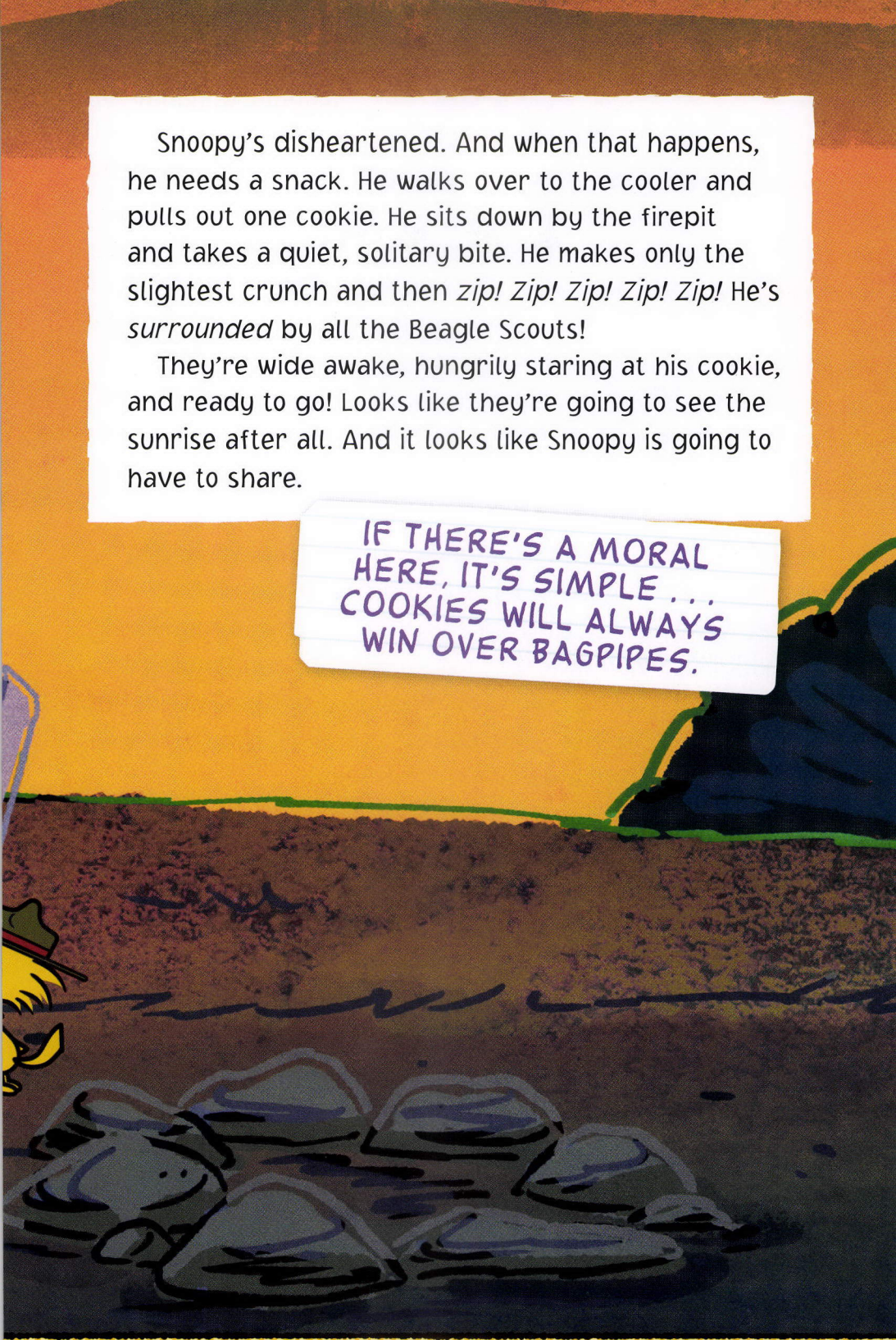
He howls, a little louder than he'd like to, but he's got to wake them. Still, not a creature stirs. He grabs two lids from their set of cooking pots and bangs them together loudly, over and over. The Scouts are still snoozing!

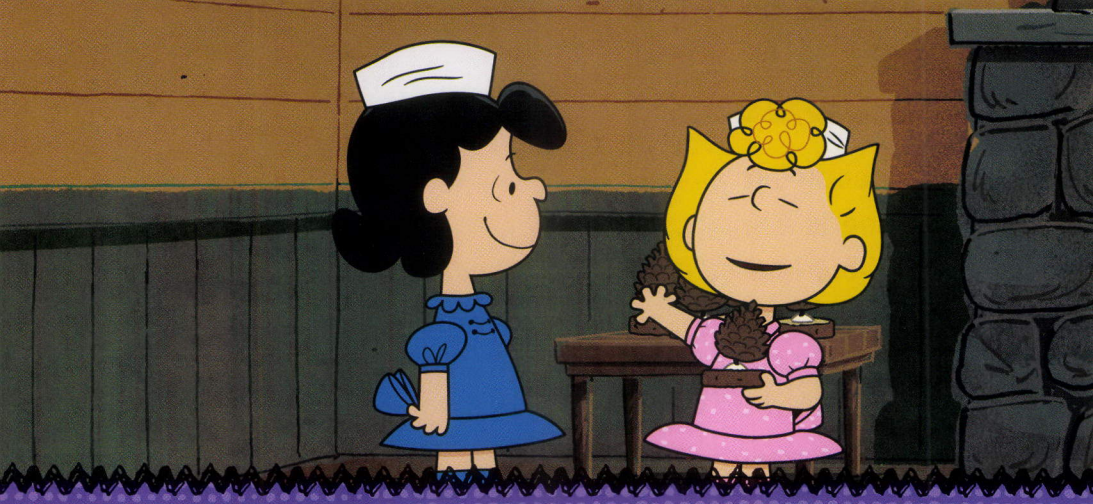
Snoopy can't believe it. This is ridiculous! He finds his set of bagpipes (yes, of course he took his bagpipes camping) and honks on them as loud as he possibly can. And the birds don't move an inch. Snoopy is about to give up.

They're going to miss the sunrise!

Snoopy's disheartened. And when that happens, he needs a snack. He walks over to the cooler and pulls out one cookie. He sits down by the firepit and takes a quiet, solitary bite. He makes only the slightest crunch and then *zip! Zip! Zip! Zip! Zip!* He's *surrounded* by all the Beagle Scouts!

They're wide awake, hungrily staring at his cookie, and ready to go! Looks like they're going to see the sunrise after all. And it looks like Snoopy is going to have to share.



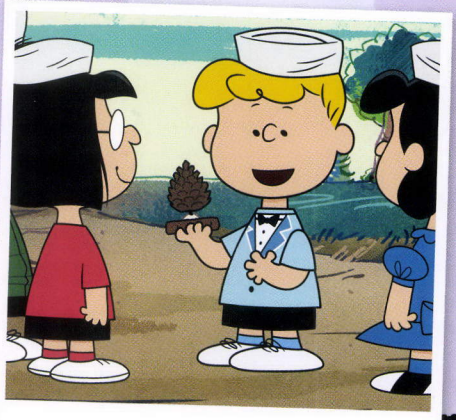


Chapter 6: Camp Awards and Ribbons

Sometimes small awards are given out at camp. You might take home a blue ribbon for archery or a trophy for basket weaving. At Camp Snoopy, kids are presented with a prestigious Piney Award if they've proved outstanding at something. It's just a pine cone glued to a piece of wood, but it's fun. And if you put some peanut butter on the pine cone, you've got yourself a makeshift bird feeder!

The Pineys are presented for a variety of things: Best Dressed, Perfectly Buttered Breakfast Toast, Tidiest Bunk, Most Thoughtful, Best Supporting Actor in a Musical or Comedy . . .

Most kids win one every year. But not Charlie Brown. He's never won a Piney. Awards are nice, but they're not why you go to camp or dress nicely. They're not why you should be thoughtful or do your best when performing in a musical or a comedy.



Camp is about the experiences you have and the friends you make.

That doesn't mean Charlie Brown still isn't determined to win a Piney.

Linus, who is always a voice of reason, tries to convince Charlie Brown that awards are not that important. Charlie Brown has made up his mind, though. He's figured out something impressive that is sure to net him a Piney Award.

The original Spring Lake banner blew away and got caught in a tree several years ago. Charlie Brown is sure that if he can recover the banner, the camp will present him with a Piney! He's got a dilemma, though. He's not great at climbing trees. And the banner is stuck way too high for him to knock it out of the tree with a shoe.

Luckily Snoopy can helicopter into the air using his ears! This isn't something just any beagle can do. It takes years of practice and discipline. Snoopy flies Charlie Brown to the tippy top of the tree, and they retrieve the old banner.

. . . . So ecstatic in fact that they give a Piney Award to the one who helped make it happen . . . Snoopy. Charlie Brown can't believe it! Snoopy isn't even really attending the camp!

But in the end, Lucy presents Charlie Brown with a special certificate stating that he has tried, and failed, more than anyone to win a Piney.

Chapter 7: Campfire Yarns

There's absolutely nothing like sitting around a campfire and telling stories with your friends. Spinning a good yarn—or telling a good story—is an essential part of the summer-camp experience. And adding a touch of spookiness gives the stories the extra bit of pizazz they need to become instant campfire classics.

THIS IS WHY THE OUTDOORS WAS INVENTED!

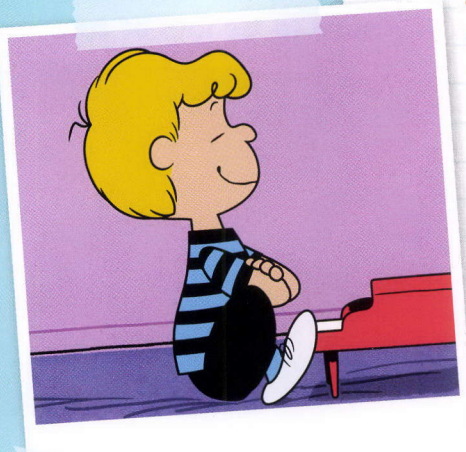
Tonight the kids are telling scary stories and roasting marshmallows. It's sure to be lots of fun.

Franklin starts by telling a story about a mysterious car that flashes its headlights at other cars on the road. Turns out, it only does that to let the drivers of the other cars know to turn on their headlights so they don't get a ticket.

Schroeder volunteers to go next and promises a story that's sure to scare music fans everywhere. He calls his story "The Tale of the Haunted Hands." And it goes like this:

Once upon a time, there was a boy who loved to play classical music on his piano. He played nothing but Beethoven and he was happy.

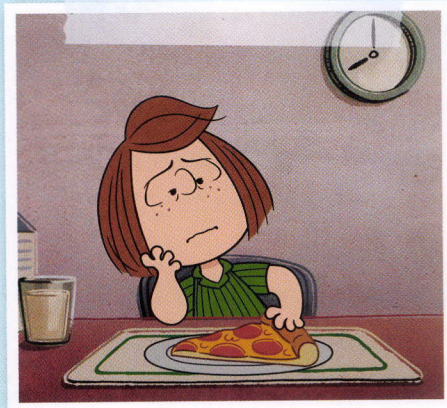
One day a witch in a blue dress arrived and asked him to play something else. The boy refused. The witch got angry and cursed the boy. "From now on," she screeched, "your hands will be haunted!!" From then on, if the boy tried playing classical music, he could only play rock and roll! He even got a new piano, but nothing came out except rock and roll and occasionally alternative country! His hands truly were haunted. And he would never play Beethoven again!



Peppermint Patty decides to go next with her terrifying tale "The Pizza Predicament!"

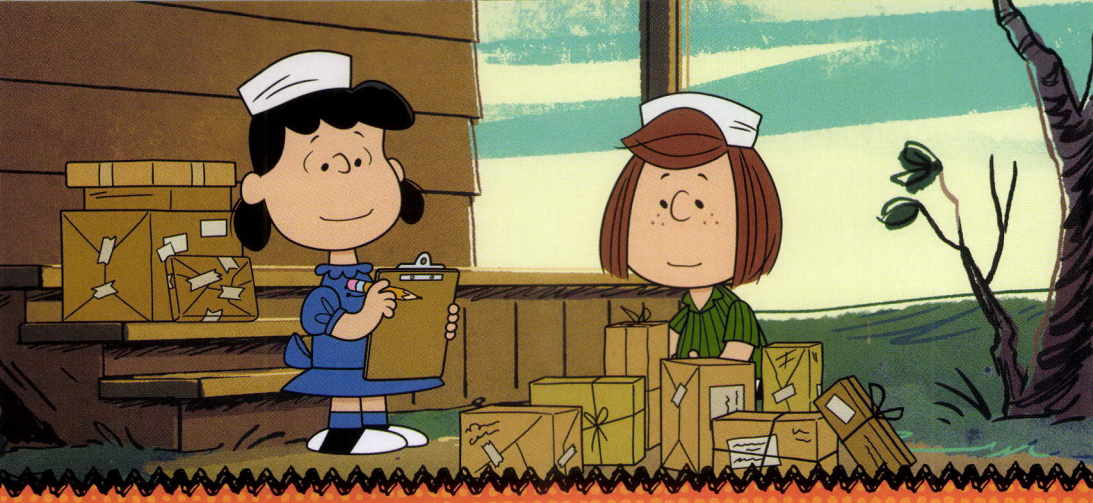
Once upon a time, there was a girl who loved pizza, but she only got it on special occasions, like her birthday. So, using her birthday wish, she wished that she could have pizza all the time . . . and her wish came true!

The next morning, for breakfast, she got pizza. And for lunch, more pizza. Every meal she had that week? Pizza!



Soon she got tired of pizza. At school she tried to switch lunches with friends. But if she traded for a bologna sandwich, it turned into pizza! Pizza was all she could see or taste. She was miserable! Oh the irony! Too much of a good thing . . .

WHAT SCARY STORY WOULD YOU TELL AROUND THE CAMPFIRE? DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE ONE? OR MAYBE YOU WOULD RATHER TELL A FUNNY STORY. WHATEVER YOU LIKE, JUST HAVE FUN WITH IT!



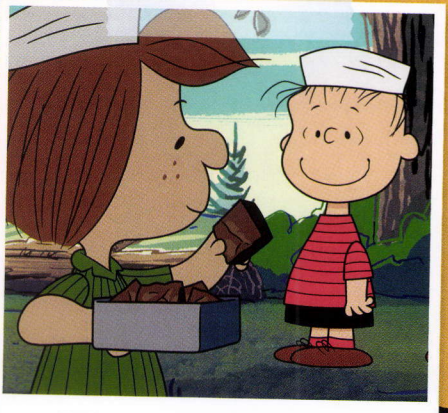
Chapter 8: Mail Call . . . Or Can You Canoe?

This section doubles as a reminder for the parents, guardians, aunts, uncles, friends, etc., of kids attending Camp Snoopy or other camps.

Don't forget about Mail Call.

Mail Call is simply distributing any mail to the campers that they've been sent while attending camp. Receiving letters from friends and family is always exciting for the kids, and it helps combat homesickness.

In addition to letters, you may also send care packages. A care package may be stuffed with anything from games to extra pj's. But by far the most popular care package item is homemade baked goods. Cookies, brownies, gluten-free zucchini bread . . . all delicious and fun for the campers to receive and share with their friends.



YUM, BROWNIES!

Charlie Brown is used to receiving care packages from his parents, and he's always grateful for them. Today during Mail Call, though, he didn't get a box full of goodies, but a mysterious journal wrapped in paper. **INTRIGUING!**

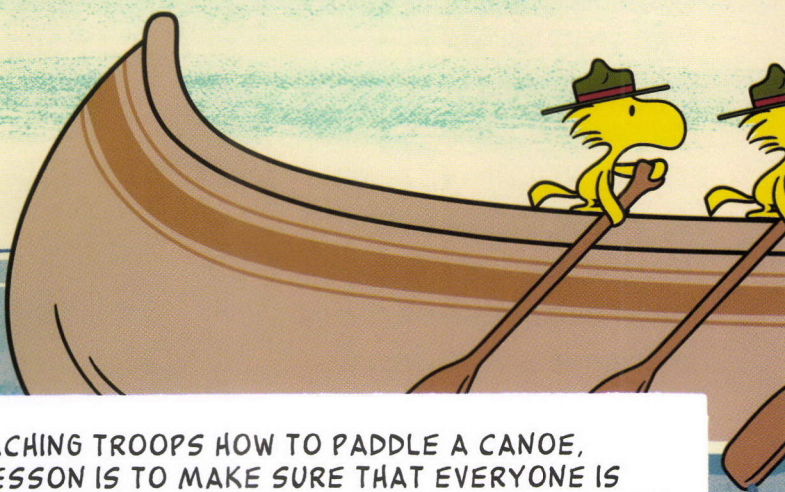
All the kids were interested in what it could be. Charlie Brown unwraps the journal and reads a typed message: **TO THE ROUND-HEADED KID FROM BEAGLE SCOUT LEADER SNOOPY**. Charlie Brown blushes and assures his friends that Snoopy really does know his name; "The Round-Headed Kid" is just a nickname that Snoopy calls him. At least Charlie Brown really hopes Snoopy knows his name.

CHARLIE BROWN BEGINS READING ALOUD FROM THE JOURNAL.

DEAR ROUND-HEADED KID,

TODAY YOU WILL HEAR ABOUT AN ADVENTURE FULL OF STRIFE AND TRIUMPH. YOU'LL LEARN HOW MY BEAGLE SCOUT TROOP EARNED THEIR CANOEING BADGES, AND WHY, WHEN WE GET HOME, YOU'LL HAVE TO BUY AN EXTRA-LARGE BIRDBATH AND FIFTY POUNDS OF BIRDSEED. (THANK YOU IN ADVANCE.)

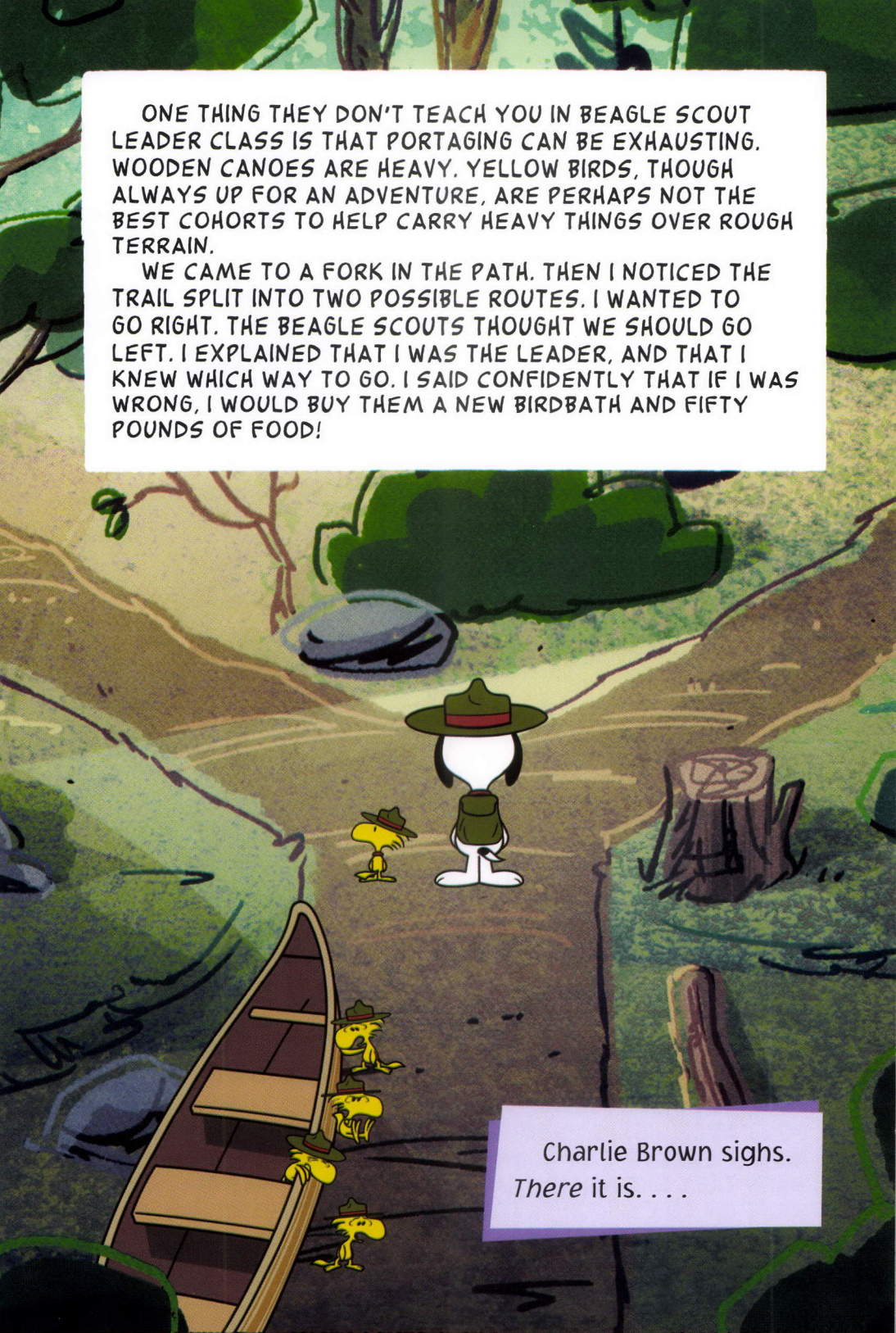
Charlie Brown sighs and rolls his eyes. At least Snoopy gave him the courtesy of letting him know ahead of time. He continues reading:



WHEN TEACHING TROOPS HOW TO PADDLE A CANOE, THE FIRST LESSON IS TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE IS PADDLING IN THE SAME DIRECTION. WE SPUN IN CIRCLES FOR A GOOD TWENTY MINUTES BEFORE I REALIZED I NEEDED TO CLARIFY TO OLIVIER THAT HE SHOULD BE PADDLING TO HIS OTHER RIGHT. FINALLY THOUGH, WE WERE ON OUR WAY TO A BEAUTIFUL LOCATION, BEAGLE POINT!

As Charlie Brown reads, he's joined by Linus and Lucy. They both love a good maritime adventure. Soon they're joined by Schroeder, Franklin, Peppermint Patty, and Marcie. It seems lots of kids enjoy tales of the high seas. Charlie Brown clears his throat and continues reading.

PADDLING IS HARD WORK, BUT WE KEPT OUR SPIRITS UP BY HOWLING OUR FAVORITE TUNES. SOON WE HAD TO PORTAGE OUR CANOE. I EXPLAINED TO THE TROOP THAT PORTAGING MEANT CARRYING OUR CANOE BETWEEN NAVIGABLE WATERS. WHEN THEY EXPLAINED THAT THE WATER WAS NAVIGABLE, I WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT IF THEY WANTED THESE BADGES, THEY NEEDED TO CARRY THE BOAT! SO WE WENT ASHORE. THE TROOPS WERE NOT THRILLED.


ONE THING THEY DON'T TEACH YOU IN BEAGLE SCOUT LEADER CLASS IS THAT PORTAGING CAN BE EXHAUSTING. WOODEN CANOES ARE HEAVY. YELLOW BIRDS, THOUGH ALWAYS UP FOR AN ADVENTURE, ARE PERHAPS NOT THE BEST COHORTS TO HELP CARRY HEAVY THINGS OVER ROUGH TERRAIN.
WE CAME TO A FORK IN THE PATH. THEN I NOTICED THE TRAIL SPLIT INTO TWO POSSIBLE ROUTES. I WANTED TO GO RIGHT. THE BEAGLE SCOUTS THOUGHT WE SHOULD GO LEFT. I EXPLAINED THAT I WAS THE LEADER, AND THAT I KNEW WHICH WAY TO GO. I SAID CONFIDENTLY THAT IF I WAS WRONG, I WOULD BUY THEM A NEW BIRDBATH AND FIFTY POUNDS OF FOOD!
Charlie Brown sighs.
There it is. . . .

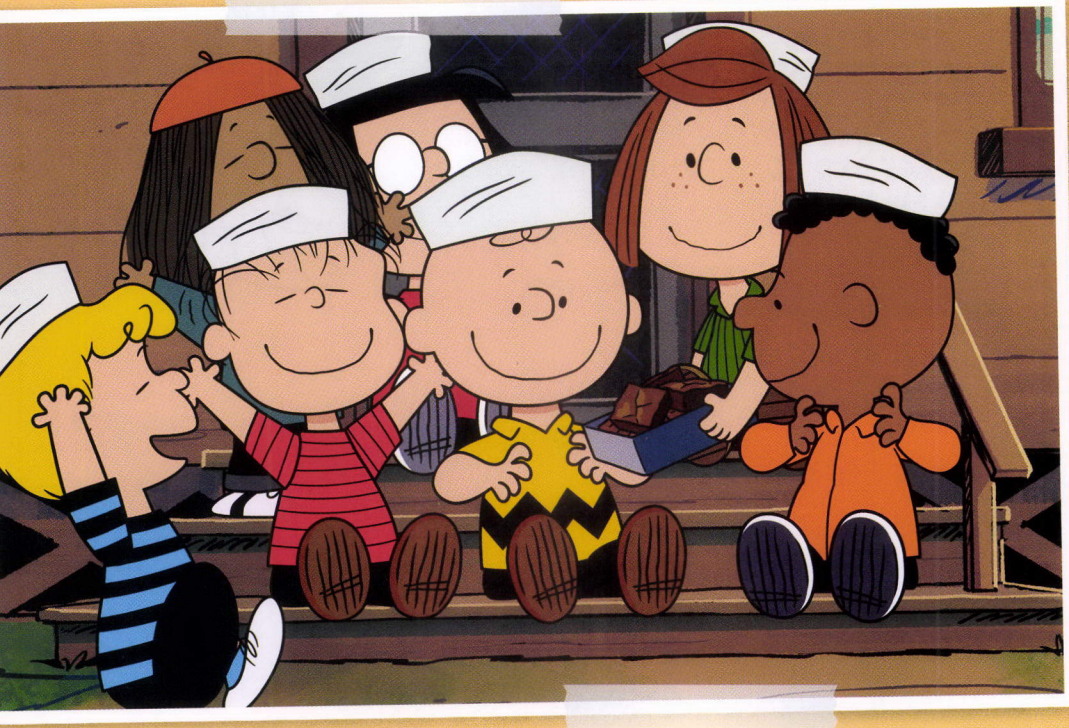
AFTER STUMBLING ON FOR SEVERAL HOURS, I REALIZED THAT PERHAPS I HAD CHOSEN THE WRONG PATH. PLUS WE NO LONGER HAD OUR CANOE, AND WE HAD COME TO A LARGE BODY OF WATER. AFTER DISCUSSING OPTIONS WITH THE TROOP, WE DECIDED THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION WAS TO GO BACK TO THE FORK IN THE ROAD. THEY WERE PREPARED TO PADDLE AGAIN, FOR WHICH I WAS MOST GRATEFUL.

FATE WAS ON OUR SIDE, AND WE MADE IT TO BEAGLE POINT TO SEE ONE OF THE LOVELIEST SUNSETS WE HAD EVER SEEN. AND AFTER ALL WE HAD BEEN THROUGH, MY TROOP REALLY DID DESERVE THEIR CANOEING BADGES . . . AND A NEW BIRDBATH AND FIFTY POUNDS OF SEED . . . AND PROBABLY A FEW PIZZAS AND SOME ROOT BEER . . . AND A NEW TV.

HUMBLY YOURS,
BEAGLE SCOUT LEADER SNOOPY

The kids are impressed when Charlie Brown finishes the letter. The story had everything! Charlie Brown smiles. It's wonderful to hear about all the fun Snoopy and his friends are having at camp too. Peppermint Patty even shares the brownies she received in her care package.

Action, adventure, canoes!



Afterward Charlie Brown carefully folds up the letter and puts it in his pocket. As he walks back to his bunk, Charlie Brown hopes that next time his care package will be full of cookies from his parents.

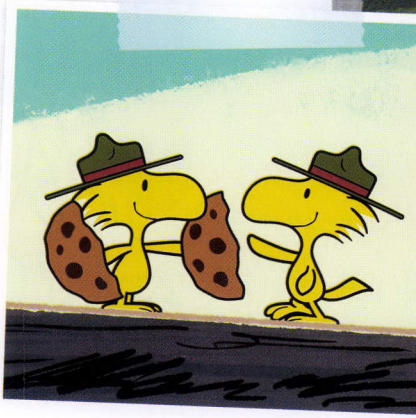
HE ALSO WONDERS JUST HOW EXPENSIVE FIFTY POUNDS OF BIRD SEED IS.

A Beagle Scout Is Thoughtful

A true Beagle Scout is a thoughtful Beagle Scout. Thinking of others is easy to do, and terrifically kind.

For example when Snoopy and Beagle Scouts Conrad and Bill decide to do a little fishing from the dock, Snoopy carries the equipment for them and brings them each a cookie. Such a thoughtful and delicious gesture, right?

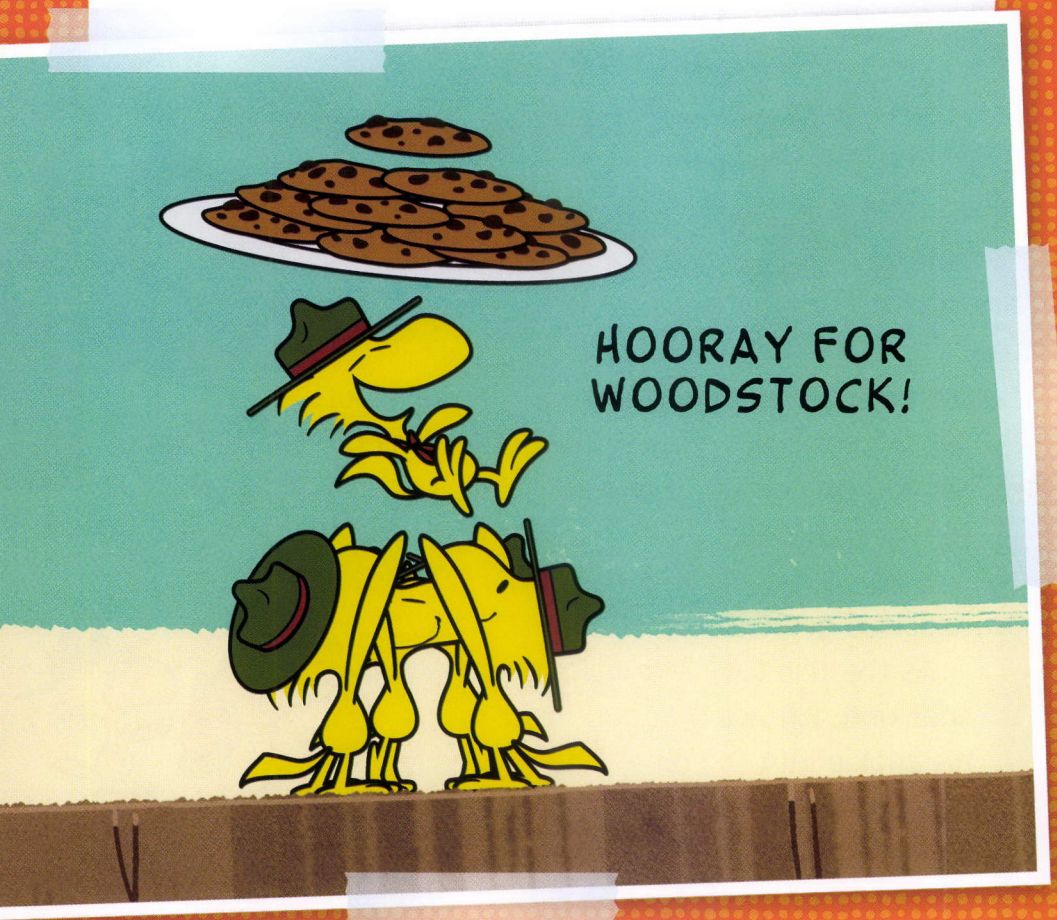
As the trio tuck into fishing and snacking, Bill accidentally drops his cookie into the lake. *GASP!* Conrad, being a thoughtful friend, breaks his cookie in half and gives one of the halves to Bill.

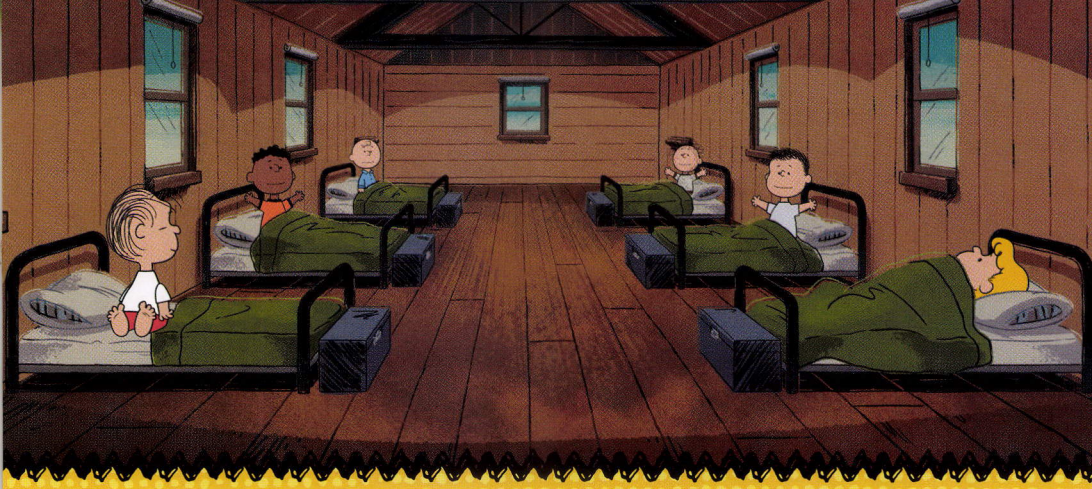


SO THOUGHTFUL!

Snoopy is impressed and pats Conrad on the back. But that causes Conrad to drop his half cookie in the lake. Not to worry though because Bill breaks his half in half and shares with Conrad.

But then more Beagle Scouts show up, and so Conrad and Bill break their quarters into eighths. It looks like everyone will get a piece of cookie until a gust of wind blows all the pieces away! All is not lost, though. Soon Woodstock shows up with a plate full of new cookies. It turns out Snoopy was thoughtful enough to ask him to bring more cookies by later.





Chapter 9: Camp Songs

Songs are a big part of summer camp too. You'll learn new songs that are fun to sing around the campfire with friends. You'll most likely also learn an official song of the camp you're attending.

Learning and singing the official camp song is a way to bond with fellow campers, and a great way to remember the times you spent at camp. Camp Snoopy has its own official song that's honestly pretty silly. The lyrics really stick with you. They go like this:

Camp-a-doodle-doo-oo!

Camp-a-doodle-day-ay!

Camp-a-doodle-doodle-doo-doodle-day-doodle-dee!

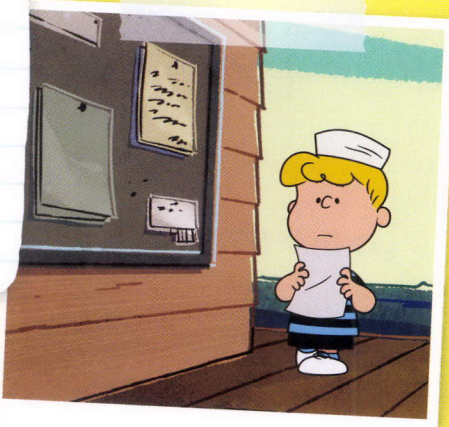
Pretty profound, right? Of course not! They're just lots of fun. And that's the point.

A CAMP SONG SHOULD ALWAYS MAKE YOU SMILE.

The kids at Camp Snoopy love singing the camp song.

Linus starts every morning by singing it loudly and proudly. Campers sing it in the mess hall when they are sharing meals. On hikes. Around the campfire. Even before the Cardboard Boat Regatta. It's a classic. Everyone enjoys singing it . . . except Schroeder. He finds the song annoying. To him, it makes no sense. Schroeder takes music very seriously and feels other people should too. This song, in his opinion, is just "DOODLES" and "POODLES" and RIDICULOUS!

(ON A SIDE NOTE, AS A PROUD BEAGLE, SNOOPY ALSO FINDS POODLES A LITTLE RIDICULOUS. BUT LIKE A GOOD SCOUT HE'S ALWAYS NICE TO THEM.)



Schroeder has come up with a plan to change the camp song. And it starts with a fake flyer.

Schroeder places the flyer on the bulletin board. It says "CAMP SONG CONTEST—TONIGHT!" He's written a song he thinks people will love and choose to be the next official camp song. Even if he doesn't win, he'll be happy. Basically he wants anything that is not

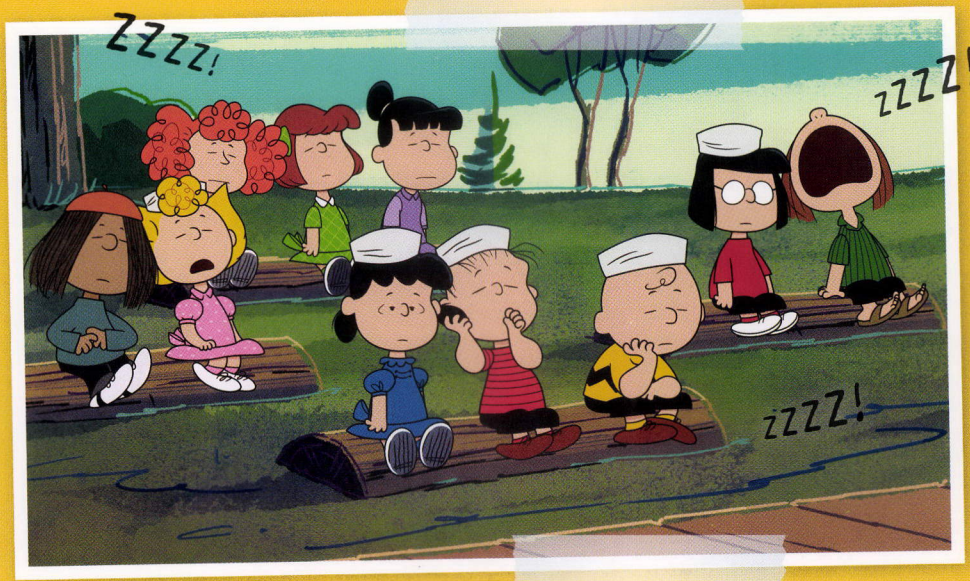
Camp-a-doodle-doo-oo!

Intrigued and confused by the contest, the kids start writing new songs in honor of Camp Snoopy. There's a problem, though. None of them are as catchy as

Camp-a-doodle-doo-oo!

In fact when Schroeder plays his song, the kids almost fall asleep! It's got no life to it. It's certainly not as peppy as

Camp-a-doodle-doo-oo!



That's when Schroeder realizes they don't need a new song. He just needs to lighten up. It's okay that the song is silly. It's supposed to be. And it really is kind of fun to sing. . . .

NO MATTER HOW MANY OODLES OF OODLES IT HAS.

The Beagle Scouts love to sing songs too. Here's the first song that a new Beagle Scout recruit learns:

The Beagle Scouts Campfire Song

(Sung to the tune of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game")

Let's go on an adventure!
Let's camp under the stars!
We'll hit the trails, and we'll take a hike.
We can go fishing if that's what you like.
Let's sit, sit, sit by the campfire.
We'll tell spooky stories and more . . .
For it's one,
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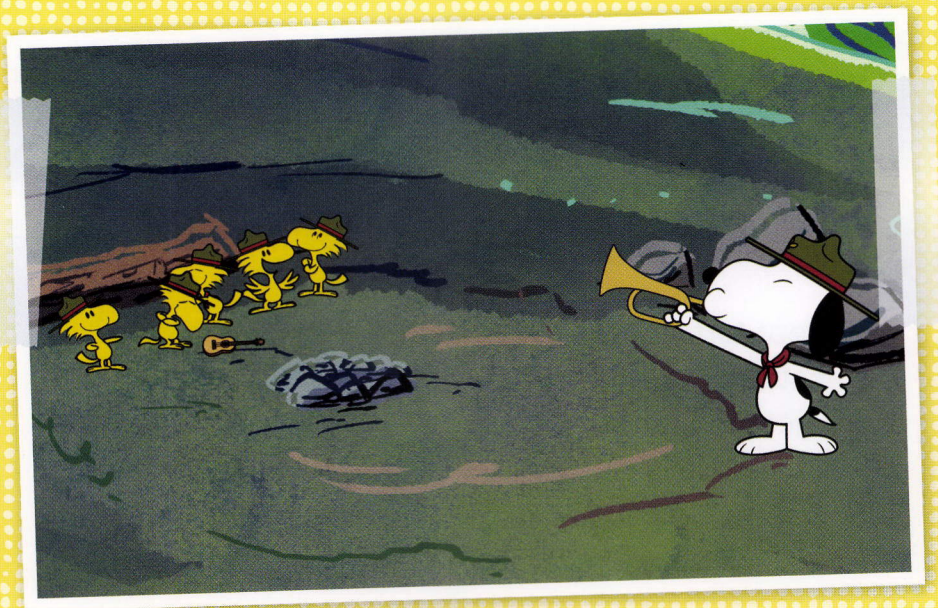
s'mores for me in the great outdoors!



Earning a Knitting Badge

Knitting is neat. Once you've got the know-how and you know how, you may be able to help a friend. That's just what happens at Camp Snoopy.

Knitting is about more than being able to make your friend a holiday sweater.

Linus never goes anywhere without his blanket. It helps him feel secure and confident. As much as his sister, Lucy, thinks it's silly, Linus takes the blanket everywhere.

Linus tries to explain that not only does his blanket make him feel good, but also he uses it for just about everything—from keeping warm to swatting at mosquitoes.

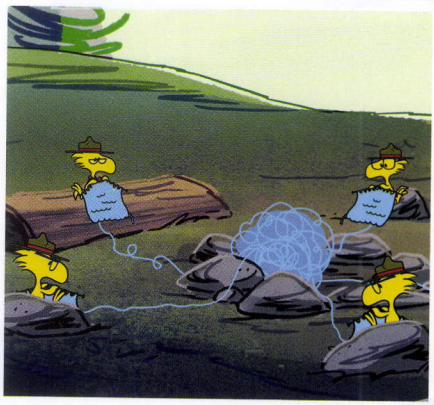
Lucy still thinks it makes him look like a baby. But thanks to his blanket, Linus is confident enough in himself that Lucy's remarks don't bother him in the least.

Except today, as it so happens, because Linus's blanket is missing. The kids go out for a hike, and when they get back to their tent, Linus realizes his blanket is gone! There is only a tiny shred left. Lucy thinks this is a wonderful opportunity for him to learn to live without it.

LINUS JUST FEELS LIKE FAINTING.

Fortunately for Linus, his blanket did not simply disappear. While they were hiking, his blanket snagged on a stick and unraveled. Slowly the blanket came apart, eventually turning into a large pile of blue thread. The Beagle Scouts came upon this large pile of thread while they were out on their daily hike. Snoopy saw this as a great opportunity for the troop to earn their Knitting Badges.

After reviewing the knitting chapter in the *Beagle Scout Handbook*, they all got to work trying to knit. Turns out, little yellow birds have a knack for knitting.



They make washcloths, jackets, mittens, and even a smaller blanket.

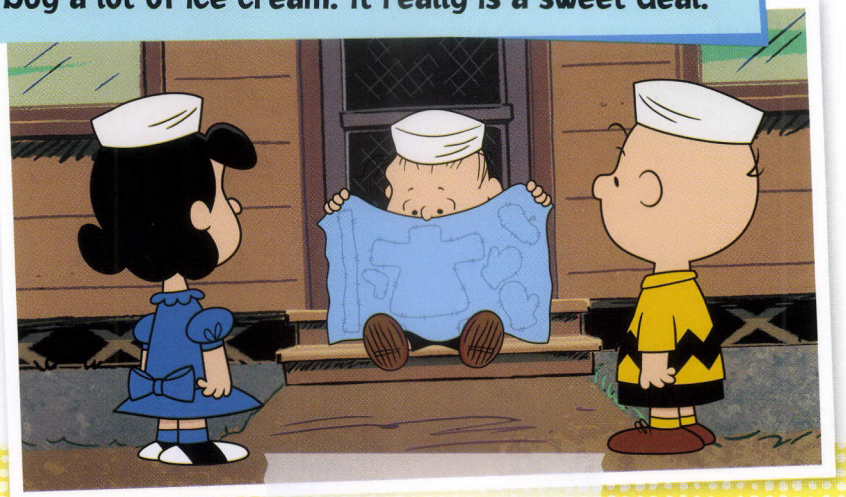
SNOOPY HAPPILY HANDS OUT THE KNITTING MERIT BADGES.

Moments later, they are startled by Lucy. She recognizes the blue thread and explains that Linus is miserable without his blanket and needs it back.

The Scouts are sympathetic, but reluctant about returning all they've made. They worked hard and are proud of themselves for earning their badges. Lucy makes them a deal. If they can help her get Linus's blanket back together in one piece, and allow her to take it back to him, they can have her can of nickels. It's an interesting proposition.

The Beagle Scouts decide that by sewing the blanket back together, they will be helping their friend Linus, and that is the right thing to do.

They also understand that all those nickels will buy a lot of ice cream. It really is a sweet deal.



Chapter 10: Leave It Like You Found It

THE WONDERS OF NATURE ARE . . . WONDERFUL.

And plentiful. And all up in your face when you're at summer camp. You'll be spending time under canopies of evergreen trees and marveling at pristine lakes. You'll take in vistas and sights that you'll pack away in your mind to remember next time you're stuck in traffic or trapped inside behind four dull walls.

When we explore the outdoors, we make an impact. Even if we're not trying to. Our footsteps, no matter how soft, can trample undergrowth. We can accidentally leave litter behind or start a fire in the wrong place.

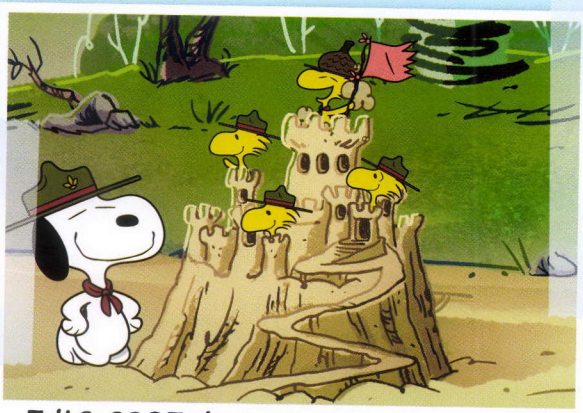
We have a responsibility, and nature needs our help.

WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL AND CONSIDERATE AT ALL TIMES.

The campers are about to learn how to be good to nature firsthand. They are out orienteering today. That's just a ten-cent word that means learning how to read maps and compasses—both great skills for campers and Scouts alike.

While walking in the woods and taking what is probably the thirty-eighth wrong turn, Charlie Brown and his friends find themselves in a beautiful woodland oasis. They see butterflies, shady trees, and even a waterfall.

Plus it looks like Snoopy and the Beagle Scouts have found the oasis too. The Beagle Scouts have been working on their orienteering skills as well, but Snoopy, who thinks the *N* on a compass stands for "Nowhere," is really just following Charlie Brown and the gang.



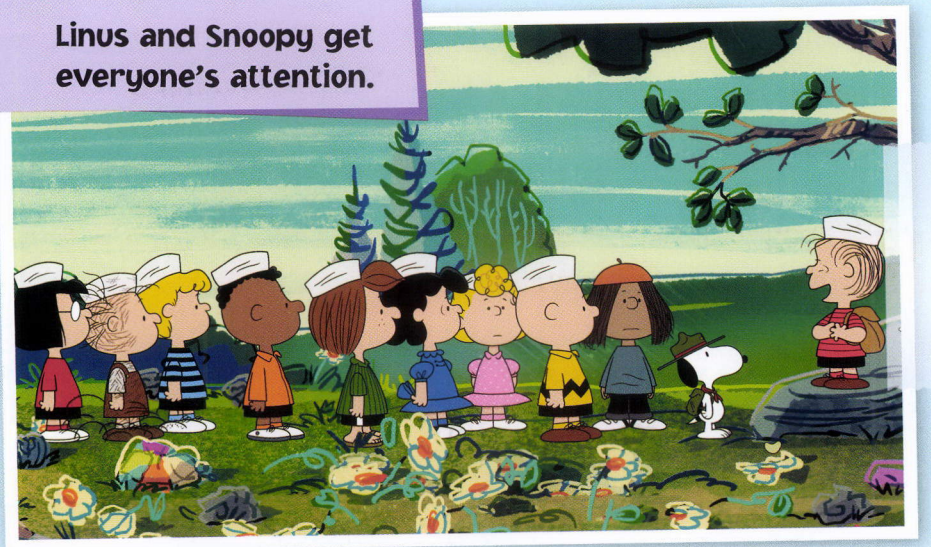
The place is as pretty as a postcard, and soon the kids can't resist cannonballing into the water. They start screaming and splashing, having a loud and raucous time. Snoopy and the Scouts join in too. They slide down the waterfall and make big splashes in the lake by throwing stones.

The ruckus scares the butterflies, and they fly away. Soon the kids and Scouts get hungry and dig into their snacks. This causes paper to fly around and litter the ground. What was once a sweet, quiet place is now crowded and messy. And definitely disturbed.

Linus begins to worry that they could damage this lovely area, but he's not sure what to do. He asks Snoopy if there's any advice in the *Beagle Scout Handbook*.

Snoopy looks through the book and locates just the chapter they need: "Leave It Like You Found It."

Linus and Snoopy get everyone's attention.



Linus reads from the handbook, explaining to everyone the importance of leaving little or no trace of themselves in the places they go. This will help preserve the wilderness for years to come and ensure that others will be able to enjoy it too.

The kids and birds stop and look around, seeing the mess they've made. Quickly and quietly they work together to turn the oasis back into an oasis. They remove and reorganize the stones that were thrown in the river and throw out all their litter. The place looks great, and soon a butterfly slowly flutters back and lands on a flower.

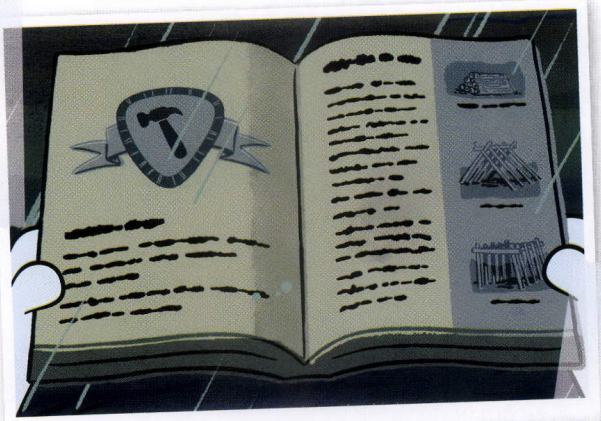
Hoping they did enough to preserve the spot, they continue their orienteering expedition, having learned a little something more than *n* does not stand for "nowhere."

Earning a Beagle Builder Badge

In every summer camp experience, a little rain must fall. And when it does, it's an ideal time for a Beagle Scout to work on earning their Builder Badge.

This badge is awarded to Scouts who build shelters for themselves out of elements found in nature.

The Scouts scatter and return quickly with what they've gathered. Conrad has leaves. Harriet and Bill are carrying various-sized sticks. Woodstock has one solitary acorn and one of the boots he caught while fishing. Snoopy encourages the Scouts to get to work and finish their shelter before it's too late and the rain clouds open.



THERE'S A POPULAR EXPRESSION: EVERYBODY'S A CRITIC.

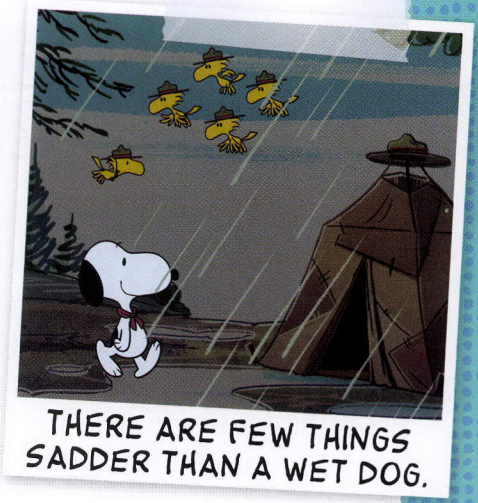
It basically means no matter how hard you work on something or how proud you are of it, someone somewhere is going to have something negative to say about it. When it comes to Beagle Scouts attempting to create shelter before a storm, we could revise the expression to: Everybody's an architect. Each bird thinks they know what's best and how to build a strong structure.

When no one is working together, they're all working apart, and that's working against their goal.

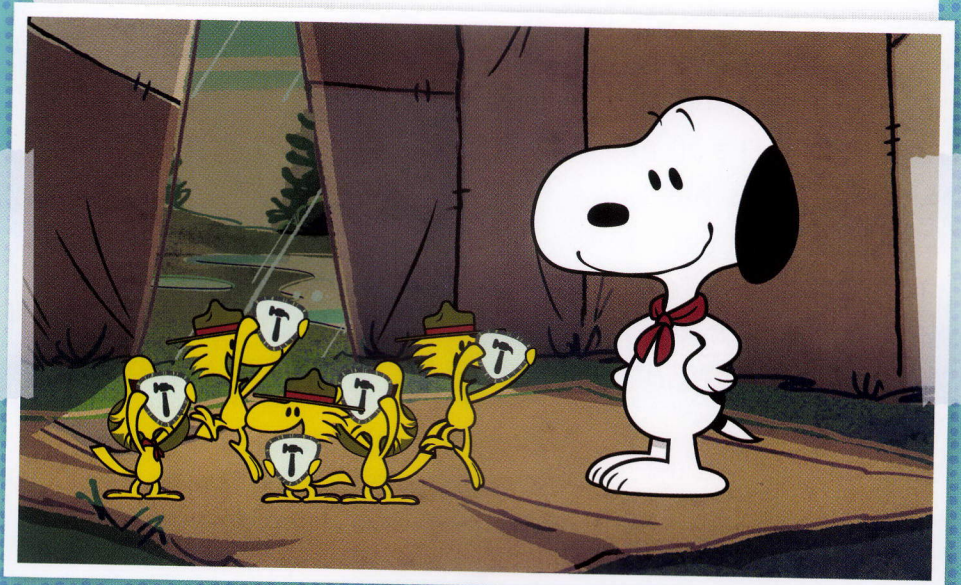
The troop is too busy chirping unhelpful chirps to each other (basically shouting *I'm right and you're wrong*) to realize that the rain has arrived, and they are all getting soaked. Snoopy is disappointed. He sighs and tosses his paws in the air.

The Scouts go on barking at one another until Olivier notices Snoopy. Their troop leader is standing under a tree, sighing, getting soaking wet.

Seeing the state Snoopy's in motivates the Beagle Scouts to stop squabbling and get to work. They use everything they found and put together a shelter that's a bit unusual. They use a hat for part of the roof, but it's strong and watertight!



Woodstock walks to Snoopy and brings him back to see the shelter. Snoopy is surprised. And it's big enough for him to stand in too. Snoopy hands the troops their Builder Badges, thoroughly impressed with what they accomplished. He jokingly reminds them that a dream shelter should really have a slide and a place to park his sports car.



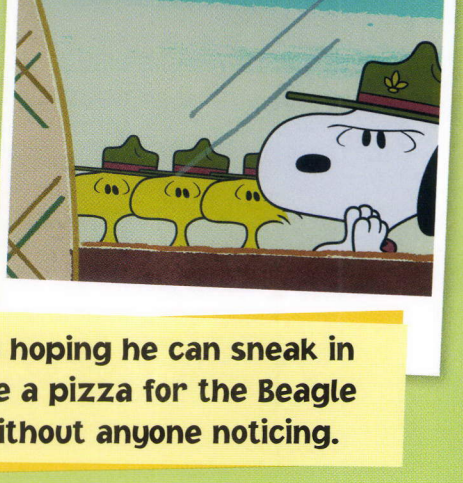
Chapter 11: Hooray for Pizza Day

Most meals at summer camp will be prepared by camp counselors or cooks employed by the camp. And the campers eat more than just s'mores.

Today is a fun day at Camp Snoopy because the kids are going to help make lunch. It's Pizza Day! The kids will get to roll out the dough, choose their toppings, and cook their own pizzas. They're all excited.

Snoopy, who has been watching from outside the mess hall, is excited too. The Beagle Scouts have been running low on food ever since those wild bunnies ran off with their bread.

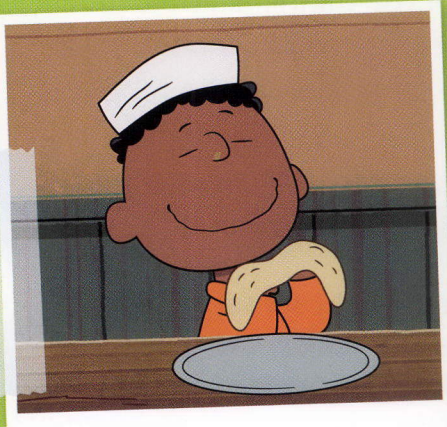
JUST S'MORES WOULD BE JUST FINE FOR MANY CAMPERS.



Snoopy's hoping he can sneak in and make a pizza for the Beagle Scouts without anyone noticing.

Pizza is something precious. Everyone has their own opinions on it. How thick the crust should be, what toppings you need, etc. Something everyone can agree on is that pizza is delicious.

SHOULD YOU EVER FIND YOURSELF SPEAKING WITH SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T ENJOY PIZZA, END THE CONVERSATION IMMEDIATELY AND WALK AWAY.

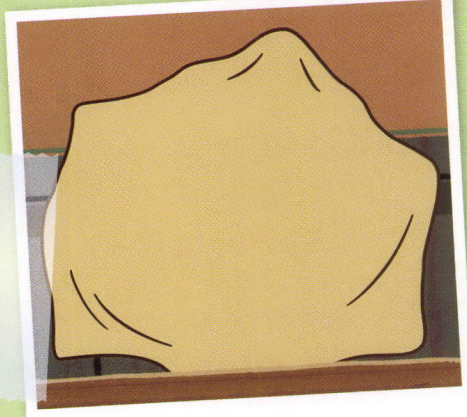


Franklin takes a lot of pride in his dough-prepping technique and demonstrates it to the others. He flattens the dough on the floured tabletop, then throws it into the air, making the dough rounder, then expertly catches it. It really is an impressive technique!

All the kids try it too, and it works well for all of them. Except Charlie Brown.

His dough gets stuck to the ceiling. That's okay. There's more dough to throw.

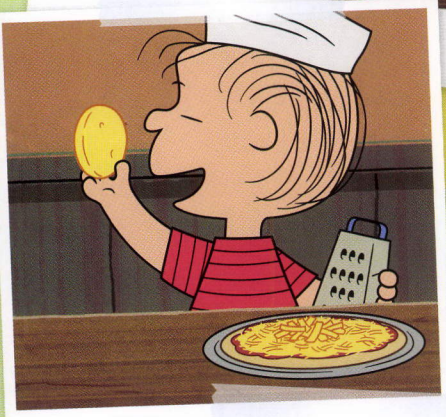
Snoopy watches carefully, then sneaks in when the kids move on to the toppings station.



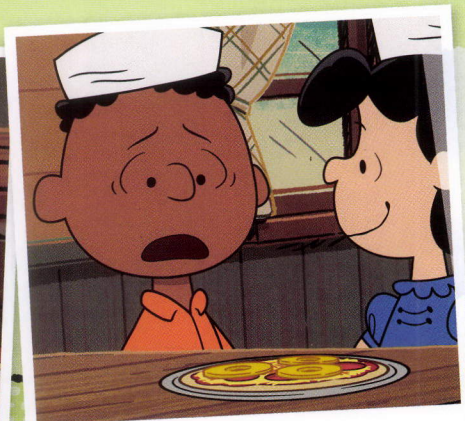
Luckily for Snoopy, the dough Charlie Brown accidentally stuck to the ceiling comes loose and falls down right on top of him. He'll be able to bring a pizza back to the troop! He gets started rolling out his dough.

Meanwhile, the kids add the sauce and toppings to their pizzas. Naomi advises them all on the dangers of too much sauce. Schroeder is careful to make sure none of the toppings touch. Linus adds extra mozzarella. And Lucy boldly includes pineapple.

(There are, of course, "opinions expressed" when the pineapple is added, but everyone must take their own personal pizza journey.)



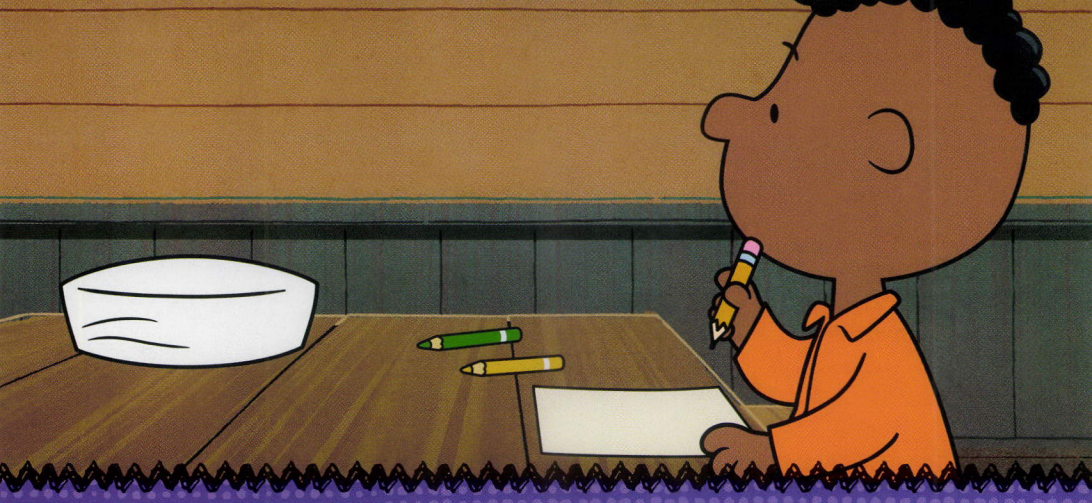
Snoopy follows behind the kids each step of the way, building what could only be considered an extra-cheesy masterpiece.



The kids walk out to the pizza oven with Snoopy close behind. Tragedy strikes when Snoopy drops his nearly perfect pizza while trying to hide behind a picnic table. He howls in despair. Lucy tells him to leave. Pizza Day is for the real campers, not their pets.

Feeling bad for his friend, Charlie Brown offers to share his pizza with Snoopy and the Scouts. Realizing just how sad and hungry Snoopy is, Lucy concedes and says she'll share too. It's a big pizza. And she does like to see what happens when other people try the pineapple. All the kids volunteer to share with the Beagle Scouts and one another, and everyone enjoys the impromptu pizza party.

HOW YOU MAKE YOUR PIZZA IS IMPORTANT, BUT IT'S EVEN MORE IMPORTANT WHOM YOU SHARE YOUR PIZZA WITH.



Chapter 12: Letters Home

While at camp, you'll get the opportunity to send a letter to someone important to you. It's not mandatory, but you might consider giving it a go. Think of it as the opposite of Mail Call.

Sally is writing a letter to her mom and dad to ask for more cookies and to tell them about how she was able to sit through a scary movie for the very first time.

All it took was the support of Sally's friends. And lots of popcorn.

Franklin is sending a letter to his grandfather, telling him all about the pranks he and Schroeder play on each other—like putting wads of crumpled paper in shoes so they don't fit. A CLASSIC.

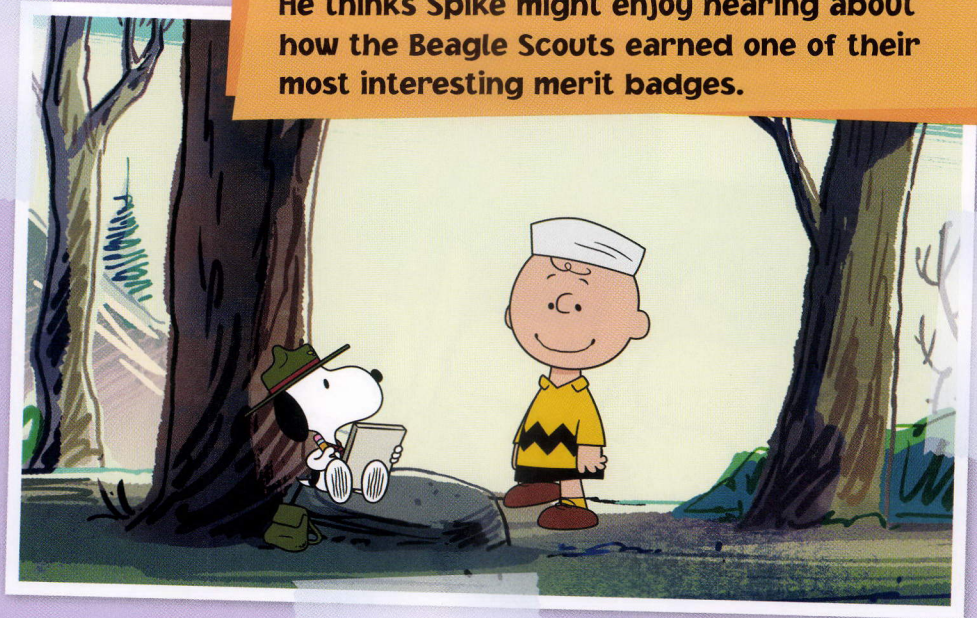
Lucy is writing to her aunt Marion, explaining how she stayed up to see the supermoon and it turned out to be super fun.

Taking a moment to send a letter to someone who cares about you is very thoughtful. Everyone enjoys getting letters.

THE PERSON YOU WRITE TO WILL THINK IT'S NICE THAT EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE HAVING FUN AT CAMP, YOU'RE STILL THINKING ABOUT THEM.

When Snoopy sees the kids writing letters to their loved ones, he decides he wants to do it too. He writes a letter to his brother Spike.

He thinks Spike might enjoy hearing about how the Beagle Scouts earned one of their most interesting merit badges.



Earning a Collection Badge

DEAR SPIKE,

I HOPE THIS LETTER FINDS YOU WELL, AND THAT IT FINDS YOUR BOWLING LEAGUE IN THE SEMIFINALS.

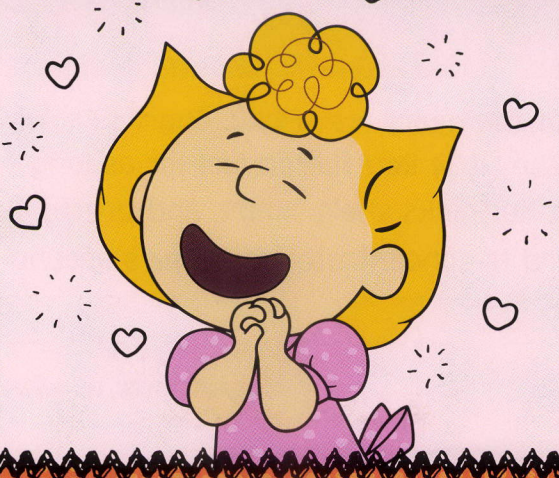
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT ENJOY THE STORY OF HOW MY BEAGLE SCOUT TROOP EARNED THEIR COLLECTION MERIT BADGES. IT WAS NOT FROM COLLECTING BASEBALL CARDS, AS YOU MIGHT HAVE GUESSED, BUT SOMETHING ELSE ENTIRELY.

DECIDING WHAT TO COLLECT PROVED TRICKY. CONRAD WANTED TO COLLECT CLASSIC CARS. THAT WAS FAR TOO EXPENSIVE. HARRIET THOUGHT WE SHOULD COLLECT MOON ROCKS. BUT THAT SEEMED TOO IMPRACTICAL. WOODSTOCK SUGGESTED THAT WE COLLECT SOMETHING SURROUNDING US IN NATURE. THAT SEEMED A CLEAR ENOUGH CHOICE.

WHEN I CLARIFIED WE COULDN'T COLLECT EACH OTHER, BILL PUT OLIVIER DOWN, AND WE GOT TO WORK. OUR COLLECTION HAD TO BE SOMETHING WE ALL WOULD TREASURE, AND LESS EXPENSIVE THAN A TRIP TO THE MOON.

WE STARTED OUT COLLECTING LEAVES AND PLACING THEM IN A LARGE PILE. THE PROBLEM WITH THAT WAS SIMPLY NO BEAGLE SCOUT, OR BEAGLE SCOUT LEADER, CAN RESIST JUMPING INTO A PILE OF LEAVES.
WE TURNED OUR FOCUS TO PINE CONES. WE WANTED PINE CONES THAT LOOKED LIKE STATES IN THE USA. WE GRABBED PINE CONES THAT WE THOUGHT SORT OF LOOKED LIKE NEW YORK, WYOMING, OREGON, AND EVEN LOUISIANA, BUT WE QUICKLY LEARNED THAT PINE CONES DON'T LOOK LIKE ANYTHING BUT PINE CONES!
WE FRANTICALLY STARTED DIGGING THROUGH OUR CAMPSITE TO FIND ANYTHING ELSE TO COLLECT. THEN IT HIT ME. LITERALLY. ONE OF THE SCOUTS THREW A SHOEBOX OUT OF THE TENT, AND THE BOX HIT ME. I OPENED THE BOX AND SMILED. IT WAS FULL OF THE PHOTOS WE HAD BEEN TAKING SINCE WE'D ARRIVED AT CAMP. AS I LOOKED THROUGH THEM, I REALIZED WHAT WE'VE BEEN COLLECTING ALL ALONG— WE'VE BEEN COLLECTING MEMORIES.

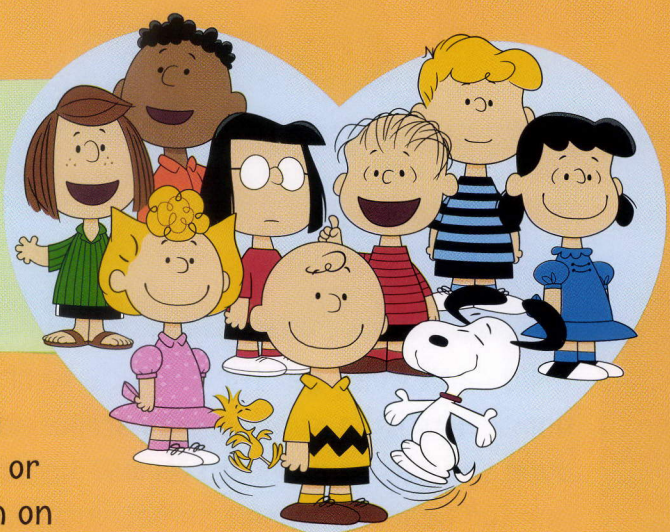
FROM OUR VERY FIRST DAY, EVEN UP TO THAT VERY MOMENT, WE WERE MAKING MEMORIES WE'D NEVER FORGET. AND, TRUE, YOU CAN'T HOLD A MEMORY, BUT YOU DO KIND OF HOLD IT INSIDE YOU. AND THOSE WARM AND FUZZY FEELINGS NEVER GO AWAY. THAT'S HOW I FEEL ABOUT US AND OUR FAMILY.
AND THAT'S WHY I THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE THIS STORY. BECAUSE IT'S WARM AND FUZZY, AND FULL OF PINE CONES. MEMORIES ARE WONDERFUL. BUT NEXT TIME I MAY SUGGEST WE STICK WITH BASEBALL CARDS. THEY SEEM SO MUCH EASIER.
THINKING OF YOU FROM BEAGLE SCOUT CAMP.
YOUR BROTHER, SNOOPY



Chapter 13: Camp Crush

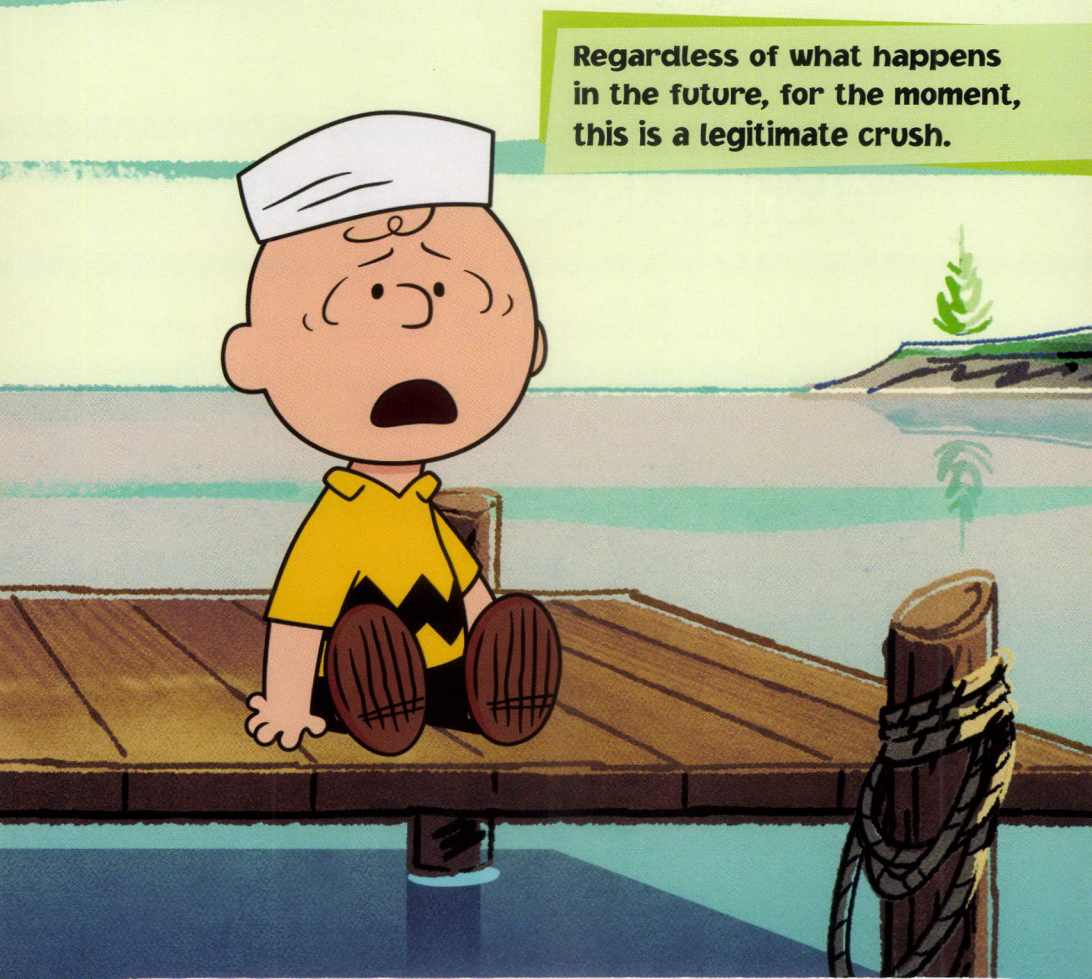
You'll form many relationships at summer camp. Most will be friendships. You know, good chums and pals. And some you'll want to spend more time with than others. That's just how it goes. You'll most likely develop bonds with authority figures, too. Like your camp counselors or even the camp nurse, who makes sure everyone is A-OK. These folks educate you and keep you out of trouble. They're very important.

But there's another important relationship that sometimes develops . . . the camp crush.



Whether you have a crush on someone, or someone has a crush on you, it's worth talking about.

Matters of the heart are tricky. Charlie Brown has had a crush on the Little Red-Haired Girl for as long as anyone remembers. He thinks she's smart, and pretty, and finds it pretty hard to concentrate when she's around.



He can't even get the courage to chat with her at home. How is he supposed to strike up a conversation over s'mores and ghost stories? He's been all googly for her for years. It wasn't something that started just at camp.

Camp crushes, however, are different. They are forged at camp when you're meeting new people and trying new things. These are not your everyday circumstances. You may read too much into a situation. You might think someone is kind of intriguing when they're orienteering, but take them out of the woods and they could be as dull as a doormat. It's all about context.

(Not that there aren't some very nice doormats.)

Remember who you are, and where you are. Also, please don't stress out too much about crushes anyway. The best relationships, like the best gardens, are organic. If there's something there, you'll know. And you will stay in touch.

Camp is almost over, and it's time for the End of Camp Dance. This party is a chance for all the kids to celebrate and dance the night away. Peppermint Patty has a feeling Charlie Brown wants to ask her to the dance. She thinks he may have a camp crush on her. They've been helping decorate the barn for the dance, along with Lucy and Marcie, and Charlie Brown is acting strangely. He's clumsy. She even saw him trip over an old wheel when he was trying to sweep the floor. He's also acting shy and finding it difficult to complete sentences without tripping over his words.

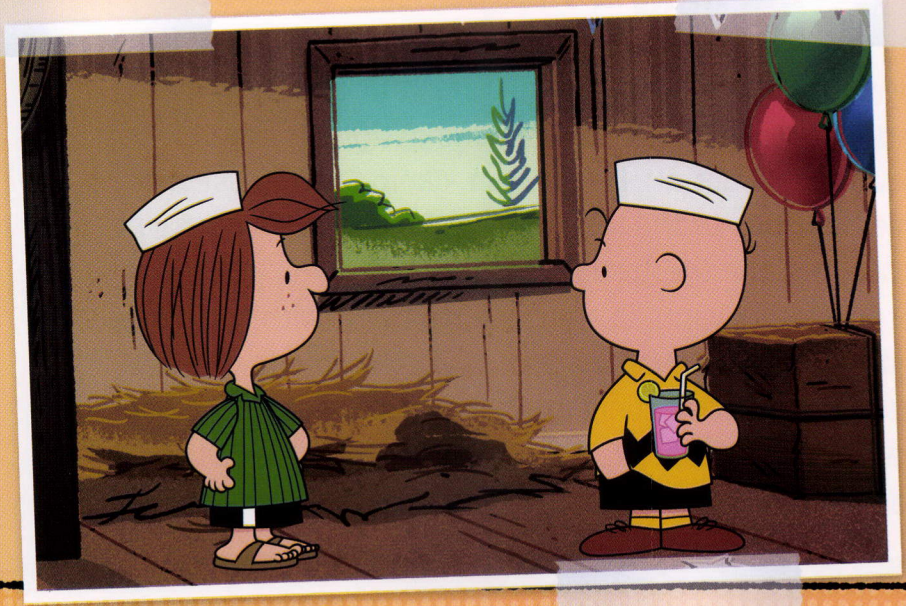
To Peppermint Patty, these are all telltale signs of a camp crush. In reality these are just telltale signs of Charlie Brown being Charlie Brown. He's this awkward around just about everyone.

Peppermint Patty asks Lucy and Marcie what they think. They're not so sure, but do agree that Charlie Brown is acting different from how he normally does. That may be just because he's not very good at putting up decorations or sweeping barns. Or it could be that deep down Peppermint Patty wants someone to have a camp crush on her.

Regardless she decides to nip this crush in the bud. She tells Chuck—that's what she calls Charlie Brown—that she likes him as a friend, and that's it. No mushy stuff. And if he feels like it, he can dance with her once.

But only once.

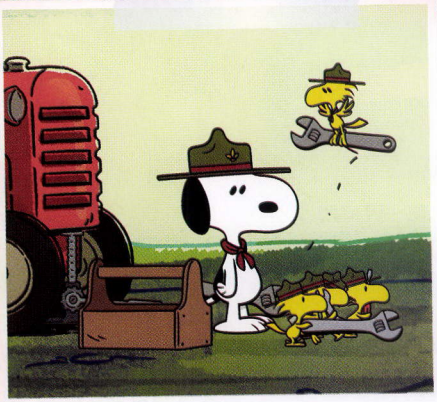
As usual Charlie Brown has no idea what's going on. He supposes that even though he wasn't really planning on dancing with anyone, if Peppermint Patty wants him to ask her, he might as well give it a try.



Earning a Mechanics Badge

The Beagle Scouts are working hard to earn new merit badges. Normally it's Snoopy who assigns the tasks, but today Lucy's got a job for them. Camp Snoopy used to give hayrides to the kids before the End of Camp Barn Dance, but the tractor is broken down.

Lucy really wants to start the party off with the hayride again and hopes that the Scouts will be able to get the old tractor up and running. Snoopy is sure they can get the job done. After all, Woodstock has been his faithful mechanic, helping to fix his Flying Ace plane for years.



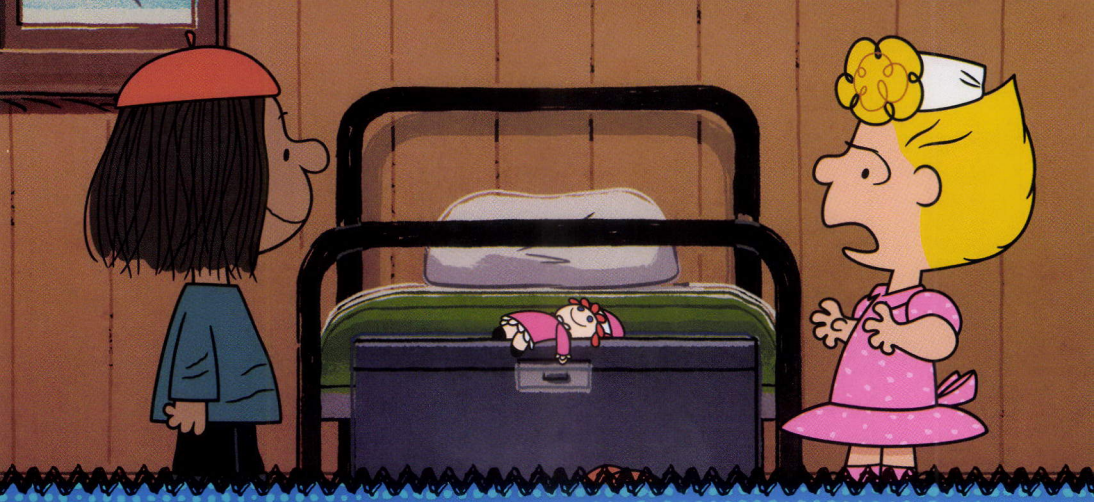
ACTUALLY, IT'S A HUGE PROBLEM STARTING A TRACTOR!

It's nothing like an imaginary Sopwith Camel plane.

Looking at the engine, the Scouts aren't really sure what to do, but they have to try. They twist a few bolts with a wrench and reattach some kind of belt. They turn the key, but the engine doesn't turn on. Woodstock thinks a minute and gets an idea. Is there even an engine inside the tractor?

As it turns out, the tractor needs a new engine. The Beagle Scouts add a new engine, and the tractor starts right up. The Beagle Scouts have earned their Mechanics Badge. Plus they'll be able to take the kids on a hayride before the dance.

The question is, where can a beagle get a license to drive a tractor?



Chapter 14: Summer Friends

With camp nearly at an end, you may find yourself getting a little anxious. You might be worried you'll lose touch with the people you've been spending time with. That's how Sally is feeling right now. She just overheard Naomi on the phone with her mom, and Naomi said she's excited to be going home soon. Sally also just saw her brother, Lucy, and Franklin working on a farewell banner for the camp.

Sally had been dreading going to camp but now she isn't ready to leave. What if she never sees Naomi again?

Are their friendship bracelets now just plain old regular bracelets?

Sally is so flustered that when Naomi asks her if she'd like to take a walk, Sally says no. She'd rather go work on the farewell banner with her brother.

Sally walks to the lake and sits down on a log. Her doll and Mr. Bear, the friends she came to camp with, are sitting beside her. Naomi finds Sally and gently strikes up a conversation. She wonders why Sally is acting strangely.

Sally confesses she's worried that once camp is over they won't be friends anymore. She heard Naomi talking to her mom and knows she's excited to go home. Naomi assures Sally that they will still be friends. That's why she's been looking for her all day, so they can promise to stay in touch. And yes, she is excited to go home, but partly because she's excited to tell her mom about her new friend, Sally.

Sally smiles and feels so much better. And she apologizes for acting like a bit of a blockhead. Naomi gives her a hug and tells Sally not to talk like that about her good friend.

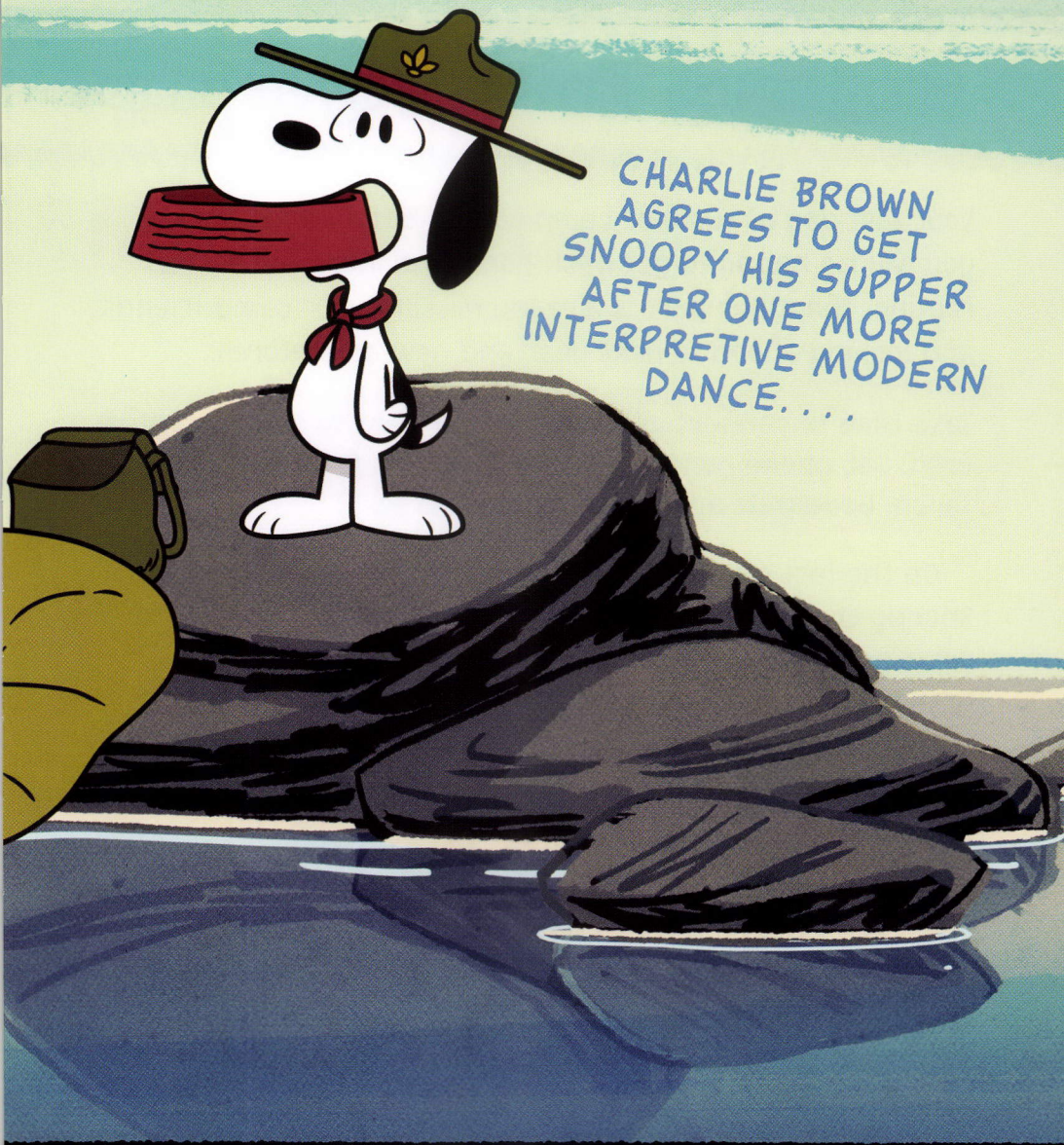
Can You Be a Beagle Scout?
Communication

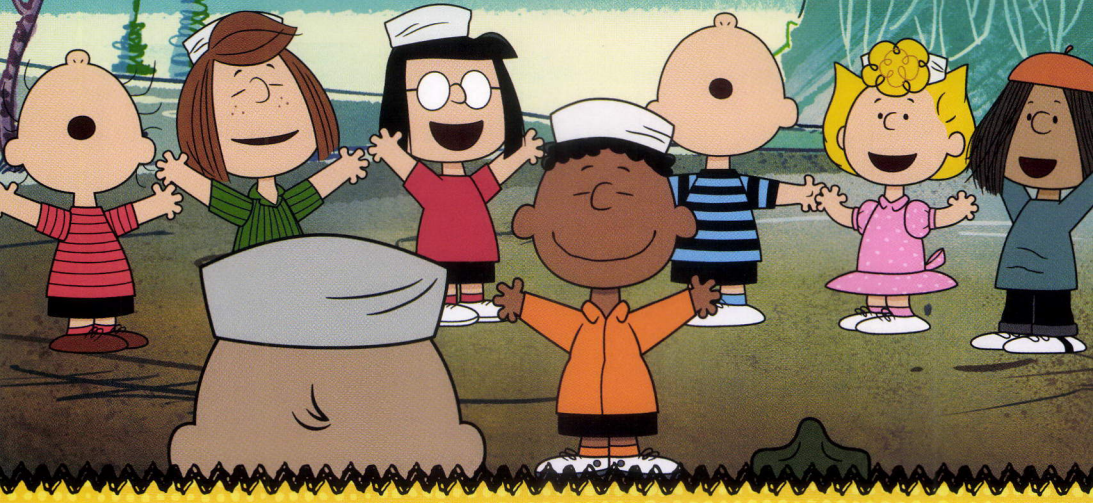
Part of being a Beagle Scout is the ability to communicate clearly and precisely.

Snoopy is very good at communicating with people. When he waves at Charlie Brown, Charlie Brown waves back. That's nice, but not really what Snoopy intended. He needs Charlie Brown to do something for him.

Snoopy stares at Charlie Brown carefully . . . and Charlie Brown stares back, unsure. Snoopy tries Morse code with a flashlight, but Charlie Brown doesn't understand. Then Snoopy removes two semaphore flags from his bag and starts waving them around. Charlie Brown assumes this is just some sort of interpretive modern dance. He likes it a lot.

Finally, Snoopy holds up his supper dish. Charlie Brown understands. It must be suppertime! Clear, concise communication.

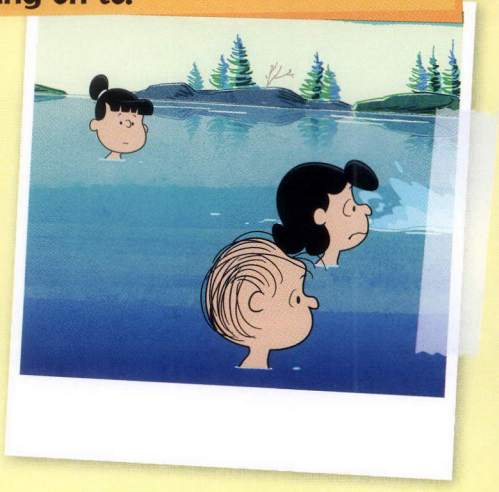




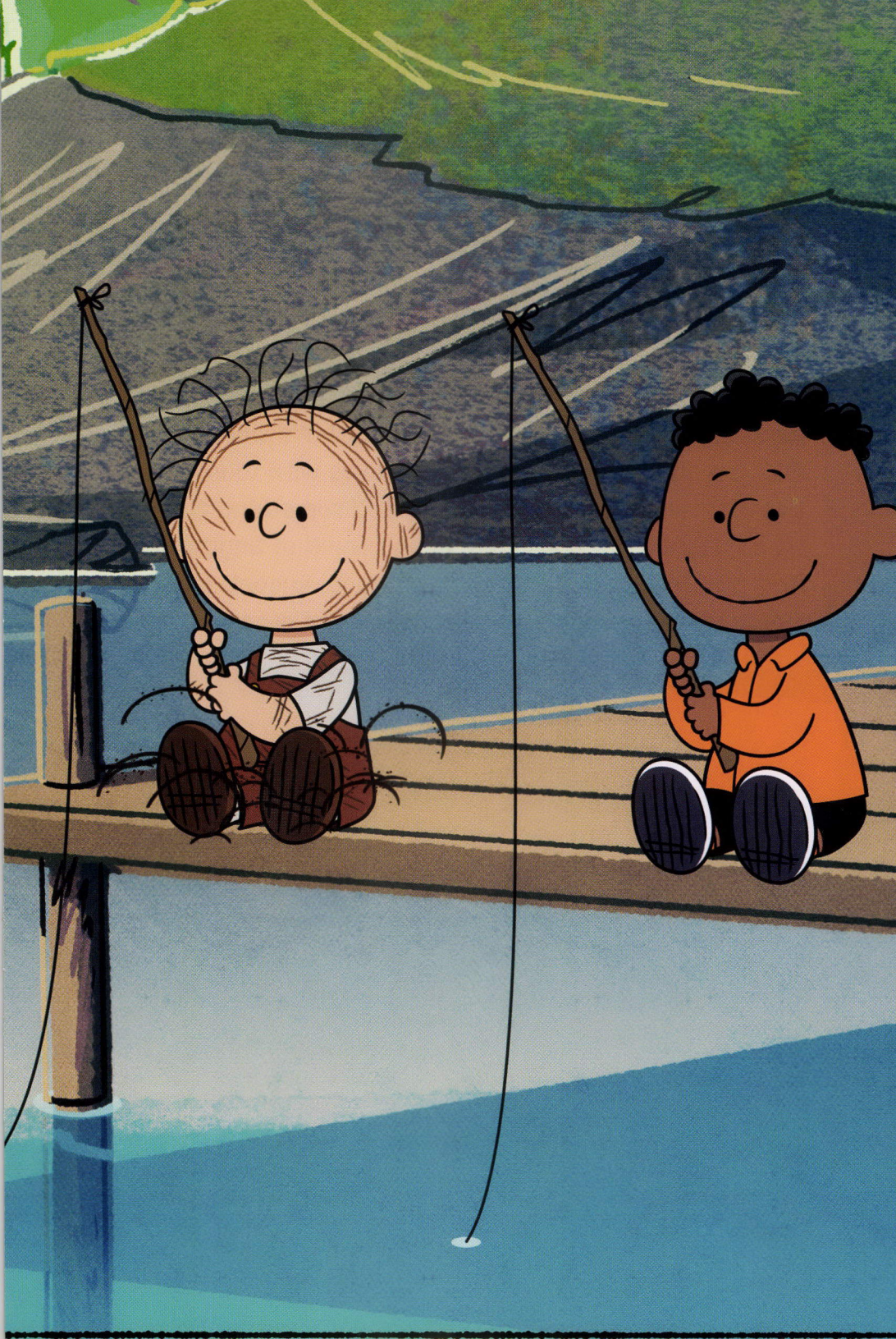
Chapter 15: The Last Day of Camp

Your last day at summer camp will be bittersweet. Part of you will be happy to get back home and into your normal routine. The other part is already missing your camp friends and looking ahead to next year and new adventures.

Take time to connect with people you want to stay in contact with. Get phone numbers and addresses. Promise to stay in touch. Good pals are worth holding on to.



On the last day at Camp Snoopy the kids aren't sure what to do. What's one last big thing that will make one last big memory? Finally it comes to them—THEY CAN DO EVERYTHING! Fishing. Diving. Hiking. Swimming. Laughing. Dancing. Everything they did that made their time at camp special. And they'll try it all again, one more time, for a fun and exhausting and magical day.

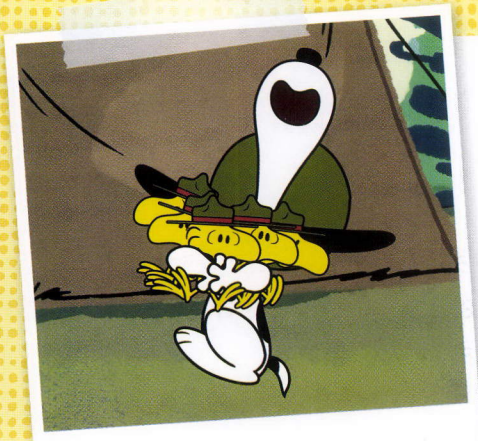


Earning a Friendship Badge

On the Beagle Scouts' last day of camp, rather than finishing the marshmallows, Woodstock points out that if they want to save their Scout troop, they still have to earn one more merit badge. They all fly into a panic. Literally.

What other badge can they earn? Pottery? No, the birds just get dizzy watching the potter's wheel spin. Physical Fitness? Lifting marshmallows with toothpicks doesn't technically count. They need something they can all participate in, but Snoopy can't think of anything. And that means the end of their troop. Snoopy sighs. Woodstock hugs him and goes to tell the others.

THE BEAGLE SCOUTS PAT ONE ANOTHER ON THEIR BACKS AND HUG. THEY TRULY DID TRY THEIR BEST. THEY DID ALL THEY COULD AND BECAME BETTER FRIENDS FOR THE EXPERIENCE.



THAT'S IT, SNOOPY REALIZES!

The Friendship Badge. They have been working on it all summer. And now, on the last day, they really deserve it.

With the Friendship Badge earned, their Beagle Scout troop is saved. They can proudly recite the Beagle Scout Oath and get ready for even more fun.

And you can recite the oath too, because you joined them on the journey. Remember, summer camp is not really about the things you win, or the trees you climb, or the badges you get. It's about the friends you make and the memories you keep.

The Beagle Scout Oath

We hope you enjoyed your time at Camp Snoopy, and watching as the Beagle Scouts earned their badges and saved their troop. Would you like to become an honorary Beagle Scout? Just repeat the oath below!

A Beagle Scout will take care
of friends and family everywhere.
A Scout shall serve the land and trees,
respect the earth, protect the bees.
Beagle Scouts learn from our mistakes.
We care for animals, even queen snakes.
We use a compass to guide our tracks
and always hike with a pack of snacks.

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The world is filled with wonderful things!

Snoopy, Woodstock, and Charlie Brown are off to summer camp, and you can join them. The Peanuts gang will take you on a humorous tour of the ins and outs of the great outdoors, including the antics they get up to, what it's like to stay in a bunk, and tips for telling great stories around the campfire! And the world-famous Beagle Scout Leader, Snoopy, will help his troop earn their merit badges. You can even become an honorary Beagle Scout!

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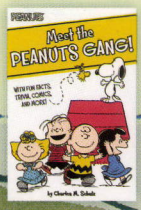

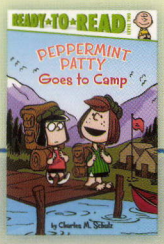

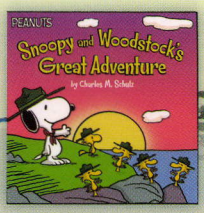

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